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SEVERAL Acts & Ordinances OF PARLIAMENT,

For the use of the

TRUSTEES FOR

Sale of the Honors, Manors and Lands,

heretofore belonging to the late

King, *Queen* and *Prince*.

ORdered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That these several Acts and Ordinances for the use of the Trustees, be forthwith printed.

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Commons in Parliament aſſembled,

For Sale of the Honors, Manors and Lands, heretofore belonging to the late

King, Queen and *Prince.*

WHereas the Parliament of *England* hath been neceſſitated, for their juſt and lawful Defence, and preſerving of the Laws and Liberties of this Nation, to raiſe and maintain ſeveral Armies and Forces, by reaſon whereof they have contracted very great Debts; and conceiving themſelves engaged both in Honor and Juſtice, to make due ſatisfaction unto all Officers and Soldiers for their Arrears, taking into conſideration the many great and faithful Services done and performed by thoſe Forces, and more eſpecially by the Army under the Command of *Thomas* Lord *Fairfax*; by which (through the bleſſing of God on their endeavors) the Parliament is put into a capacity of ſetling the People of this Nation in, and reſtoring them unto their juſt Liberties and Freedoms: And whereas the late King, the Queen, and their eldeſt Son, have been the chief Authors of the late Wars and Troubles; by whom, in whoſe behalf, and for whoſe Intereſt principally the ſame hath been unjuſtly raiſed, fomented,

continued and renewed, and therefore in all Juſtice and Equity ought to bear the burthen of the ſaid Debts, and their Eſtates in the firſt place to be applyed to take off and diſcharge the ſame, It being the duty, and eſpecial care and endeavor of the Parliament, That the People ſhould not in any ſort be taxed and charged, but in caſes of inevitable neceſſity, when other ways and means are wanting: And foraſmuch as the Parliament, finding the Office of a King in this Nation to have been Unneceſſary, Burthenſom and Dangerous, hath utterly Aboliſhed the ſaid Kingly Office; Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained by this preſent Parliament, and by Authority of the ſame, That for further and better Security for the ſaid Arrears, the Six hundred thouſand pounds, heretofore charged by Ordinance of Parliament of the Four and twentieth day of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, upon the Receipts of the New Excize and Impoſt, and other Securities in the ſaid Ordinance ſpecified, to be imployed towards the ſatisfaction of the Arrears of the Supernumerary Forces then to be disbanded, and of thoſe that were then to be continued, together with ſuch further and other ſum and ſums of money, as ſhall be found requiſite and neceſſary, fully to ſatisfie and pay the Arrears due unto thoſe for whom that Six hundred thouſand pounds was aſſigned as aforeſaid, ſhall from henceforth ſtand and be charged upon the Honors, Manors, Caſtles, Houſes, Meſſuages, Parks and Lands (except as hereafter in this Act is excepted and provided for) and all Tenements and Hereditaments, Royalties, Priviledges, Franchiſes, Immunities and Appurtenances to the ſaid Honors, Manors, Caſtles, Parks, Meſſuages and Lands, or any of them, belonging or appertaining, or heretofore lawfully uſed, occupied and enjoyed with them or any of them, as

60000 l. charged on the Excize, now charged on the Security of this Act.

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part or parcel thereof, heretofore belonging unto the late King *Charls* deceaſed, either in the Right of the Crown, or of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, or unto *Henrietta Maria*, the Relict, and late Queen of the ſaid late King, or unto *Charls Stuart* their eldeſt Son, either as Prince of *Wales*, Duke of *Cornwal*, or Earl of *Cheſter*, or otherwiſe belonging to them or any of them; and which were in the actual ſeiſin or poſſeſſion of them or any of them, or of their or any of their Tenants, Agents, Servants, Truſtees, Officers or Miniſters, in their Right, or for their uſe, or in truſt for them or any of them, on the Firſt day of *April*, in the year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred thirty five, or at any time ſince, or for which they have been anſwered the profits, or have otherwiſe received the ſame in the year aforeſaid, or any time ſithence; And upon all the Lands, Rights and Hereditaments in all Chaſes, which upon a juſt ſurvey of the ſame, ſhall be found to have been juſtly belonging to the ſaid late King, Queen, and their ſaid eldeſt Son, or any of them as aforeſaid, ſince the Six and twentieth of *March*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty one, and are now diſpoſeable for the uſe of the Commonwealth, in ſuch maner as is hereafter expreſſed. And to the intent the ſame may be effectual Security for the purpoſes aforeſaid, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the ſaid Honors, Manors, Caſtles, Houſes, Meſſuages, Chaſes, Parks and Lands (except as hereafter is excepted and provided for) and all Tenements and Hereditaments, Royalties, Priviledges, Franchiſes, Immunities and Appurtenances to the ſaid Honors, Manors, Caſtles, Parks, Meſſuages and Lands, and to all and every, or any of them, belonging or appertaining, or heretofore lawfully uſed, occupied and enjoyed with them or any of them, as part or parcel thereof, be and are here-

by vested and setled, and adjudged and deemed to be, and are hereby in the real and actual possession and seisin of *Thomas Coke* of *Pedmarsh* in the county of *Essex*, Esq; *William Bosevile* Esq; *John Sparrow* of *Gestrop* in the County of *Essex*, Esq; *William Kenrick* of in the County of *Kent*, Esq; *Ralph Harrison* of the City of *London*, Esq; *William Scot* of the Inner-Temple *London*, Esq; *William Steel* Esq; Councellor at Law, *Silvanus Taylor* of *Westminster*, Esq; *Thomas Hubbard* of *Moor-fields* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq; *Cornelius Coke* of the Borough of *Southwark*, Esq; Sir *Henry Holcroft* of *Longacre* in the County of *Middlesex*, *John Hunt* of *London*, Gent. and Sir *Edward Barkham* Baronet, the Survivors and Survivor of them, their Heirs and Assigns, for the uses and purposes above-specified, and hereafter expressed; saving to all and every person and persons, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Bodies Politique and Corporate, and their Succeessors, other then the said late King, Queen, and their said Son, their or any of their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Successors, and all claiming from, by or under them, or any of them, since the 16 day of *March*, in the year of our Lord, 1641. All Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Rights in Law or Equity, Entries, Annuities, Commodities, Fees, and other Profits which they or any of them now have, and of Right ought to have and enjoy, before the said Six and twentieth day of *March*. Provided always, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise impeach, make void or *Null* any Grant, Interest or Estate, made, granted or confirmed, or mentioned to be made, granted or confirmed under the Great Seal of *England*, by Authority, Advice and Consent of this present Parliament. Provided also, That where any person or persons do law-

The Names of the Trustees.

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fully claim any Right, Title or Intereſt, of, in and to any Chaſe or Park, by vertue or in right of any Office thereunto belonging, the exerciſe whereof is now ceaſed, or which by vertue of this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall ceaſe to be of further uſe, That in every ſuch caſe the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, together with the Contractors, or any five or more of them, ſhal in lieu and conſideration thereof, make ſuch allowance to every ſuch perſon and perſons in ſome proportion of the ſaid Lands and premiſes, or in moneys to be raiſed by ſale thereof, as the ſaid Truſtees and Contractors ſhall judge reaſonable, with regard unto the value of their reſpective Intereſts, ſo as ſuch allowance for and in lieu of the whole Rights, belonging to the cuſtody of any of the ſaid Chaſes and Parks, and all the Offices thereunto belonging, do not exceed a Fifth part of the real value of the ſaid ſeveral Chaſes and Parks reſpectively (the Houſes and Timber thereupon being excepted and forepriſed) and that upon and in conſideration of the ſaid allowances, the Right, Title and Intereſt of every ſuch perſon and perſons, their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, ſhall ceaſe and determine; and they and every of them ſhall be for ever thereby concluded and debarred from making any further Claim and Demand thereunto: In making all which allowances, the ſaid Truſtees and Contractors ſhall from time to time obſerve and purſue, in reference to every ſuch perſon and perſons, and his and their Claim, ſuch Directions and Inſtructions as ſhall be given unto them by the Parliament. Provided alſo, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to any Fee-farm Rents, or other Rents now due and payable to the Commonwealth out of any ſuch Manors, Lands, or other Hereditaments, where there hath not been

Satisfaction to be allowed thoſe who have Title or Intereſt in any Chaſe or Park.

This Act not to extend to rents due to the Commonwealth, if not reſerved in the crown.

been reſerved in the Crown any Right or Propriety in or to ſuch Manors, Lands or Hereditaments, other then the Rents reſerved: And the ſaid Truſtees, their Heirs and Aſſigns, Farmers and Tenants, ſhall hold and enjoy All and ſingular the ſaid Lands and premiſes, and every part and parcel thereof, as of the Manor of *Eaſt-Greenwich* in Free and Common Soccage, by Fealty onely, and by no other Tenure whatſoever; and likewiſe freed, acquitted and diſcharged of and from payment of Tythes, as fully as the ſaid late King, Queen, their ſaid eldeſt Son, or any of them did or might hold and enjoy, or ought to have held and enjoyed the ſame: Nevertheleſs, upon truſt and confidence that the ſaid perſons beforenamed for Truſtees, the Survivors and Survivor of them, and their Heirs, ſhall have, hold and enjoy all and ſingular the premiſes, and every of them, ſubject to ſuch truſt and uſes as by this preſent Act is, and by the Authority aforeſaid further ſhall be declared and appointed, and ſhall diſpoſe of the ſame, and the Rents and Profits thereof, as by authority aforeſaid now is, and further ſhall be ordered and appointed. And for the better encouragement and ſecurity of ſuch perſon and perſons as ſhal be Purchaſers of the ſaid Lands and premiſes, or any of them; Be it Enacted, Ordained and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid *Thomas Coke*, and other the perſons beforenamed as Truſtees, the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs of the ſaid Survivor of them, ſhall ſtand and be ſeiſed of all and ſingular the ſaid premiſes veſted and ſetled in them and their Heirs as aforeſaid, until ſale and conveyance thereof made unto ſuch perſon or perſons, Bodies Politique or Corporate, as ſhall be Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof, or of any part thereof, for the paying and ſatisfying the Arrears due to the reſpective Officers and Soldiers

Soldiers appointed and intended by this Act to be satisfied and paid as aforesaid; and of the remainder or surplusage of the said Lands and premises that shall be left unsold, after due satisfaction made of the Arrears as aforesaid, to such further use and uses as shall hereafter be declared by the Aurhority aforesaid; and of the further surplusage (if any be) to the use and benefit of the Commonwealth. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the said persons aforementioned as Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall have power and authority to make, nominate and appoint from time to time, by writing under their Hands and Seals, fit and able persons, such as they shall think fit, to survey the premises in any County or Counties of *England* or *Wales*, who are hereby enabled and authorized to keep Courts of Survey, for the better discovery of the premises, and the value thereof, and other things concerning the same; and who are hereby authorized, enabled and required to observe and keep in relation to the said service, such Rules, Directions and Instructions, as the Surveyors of the late Bishops Lands are appointed to observe, in relation to the surveying of the said Bishops Lands, and are expressed and mentioned in an Ordinance of Parliament, dated the Sixteenth day of *November*, One thousand six hundred forty six, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for appointing the sale of the Bishops Lands for the use of the Commonwealth*: And they or any three of them are hereby authorized and enabled to execute, and put in execution, for or concerning the premises, or any part thereof, All and every the powers and authorities that the aforesaid Surveyors of Bishops Lands, or any three of them may or might have done, for or concerning Bishops Lands, by vertue of

Trustees enabled to keep Courts of Survey.

of any power or authority given unto them by the ſaid Ordinance and Inſtructions: And all Sheriffs, Majors, Bayliffs, Juſtices of the Peace, and other perſons, are hereby required to be ayding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Surveyors or any of them, in the executing of this Act: And the ſaid Surveyors are hereby authorized to demand, require, receive and put into ſafe cuſtody the Charters, Deeds, Books, Accompts, Rolls, Writings and Evidences that concern the premiſes, or any part thereof, to the end the ſame may be put into ſuch place as the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them ſhall appoint: And it is further Enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any three or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter to all and every the ſaid Surveyors (who are enjoyned to take the ſame) an Oath *in hæc verba*; (*viz.*)

Sheriffs, Majors, Bayliffs, Juſtices of the Peace, to aſſiſt Surveyors in the executing of this Act.

Truſtees authorized to adminiſter an Oath to the Surveyors.

The Surveyors Oath.

I A. B. *do ſwear, That I will by the help of God, faithfully and truly, according to my beſt skill and knowledge, execute the place of Surveyor, according to the purport of the Act, Entituled,* An Act of the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, for ſale of the Honors, Manors, and Lands heretofore belonging to the late King, Queen and Prince: *And ſhall uſe my beſt endeavor and skill, to diſcover the Eſtate herein mentioned, and every part thereof, which ſhall be given me in charge; and to finde out the true values and improvements thereof: And thereof ſhall make true ſurveys, according to my beſt skill and cunning, and the ſame from time to time to deliver, or cauſe to be delivered in writing cloſe ſealed up, unto the Regiſter for the time being in that behalf appointed; and alſo a true Copy or Duplicate thereof cloſe ſealed up, unto the ſaid Truſtees, or any two of them: And this I ſhall juſtly and faith-*

faithfully execute, without any gift or reward directly or indirectly, from any perſon or perſons whatſoever (except ſuch allowances as the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them ſhall think fit to make unto me for my pains and charges in the executing of the ſaid place and Office.)

Truſtees to call to accompt Surveyors.

And the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized from time to time to call to accompt any Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officers by them named and appointed; and if they ſhall finde them or any of them deficient, negligent or unfaithful in purſuance of the duty or truſt in them repoſed, that then they ſhall and may remove them, or any of them, which they ſhall ſo finde deficient, negligent or unfaithful, and nominate and appoint others in their ſtead. And it is further Enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to take unto them ſuch Councel-Learned, to adviſe upon the premiſes; and to appoint ſuch Stewards of Manors, and other Officers for or concerning the premiſes, as any five or more of them ſhall think neceſſary, and to give ſuch Fees, and make ſuch Allowances to them or any of them, as they ſhall hold fit and neceſſary. Provided always, That this Act ſhall not extend to the putting out of any Stewards of any Liberties or Courts, or other Officers formerly appointed and made by vertue of any Ordinance or Authority of Parliament, but that they ſhall continue and be, during ſuch time as the ſaid Liberties, Courts and Offices ſhall remain, and be in the hands of the ſaid Truſtees: And that they ſhall have and receive all ſuch fees, profits and allowances as formerly were allowed them, This Act, or any other thing to the contrary notwithſtanding; except where the ſaid Truſtees ſhall finde any

Truſtees authorized to take ſuch Councel-Learned, and appoint ſuch Stewards as they ſhall think fit.

Stewards made by Ordinance of Parliament formerly, not to be put out.

of the ſaid Officers deficient, negligent, unfaithful or diſaffected. And it is further Enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, ſhall have like power and authority, and are hereby required and authorized to obſerve ſuch Orders and Directions in relation to the premiſes, as the Truſtees for Biſhops Lands might or may obſerve and keep, in relation to the ſale of the ſaid Lands; which are contained in an Ordinance of the ſecond of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, Entituled, *An Ordinance for removing Obſtructions in the Sale of Biſhops Lands:* And whereas by reaſon of the many neglects and imperfections in the ſurveys of the late Biſhops Lands, the ſale of the ſame hath been much retarded; Now for prevention thereof in the ſale of the premiſes, It is further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, That Colonel *William Web* ſhall be Surveyor-General of all the ſaid premiſes, who is hereby authorized and required to obſerve the Inſtructions for the Surveyor-General mentioned in this Act. And to the end the Surveys may be ſpeedily perfected, Be it Enacted, That the Truſtees and Regiſter hereafter appointed by this Act, are hereby enjoyned forthwith after the return of any Survey or Surveys unto them, to ſend them unto the ſaid Surveyor-General as they come to their hands.

Col: *William Web* Surveyor General.

Inſtructions for the Surveyor-General.

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First, The ſaid Surveyor-General ſhall within ſix days next after he ſhall ſo receive any of the ſaid Surveys, peruſe them, and ſhall return them back to the Truſtees and Regiſter, with his allowance and approbation thereupon, if he finde them fit for a Purchaſer to proceed upon;

on; after which, the Regiſter ſhall and may make out a Particular of the whole Survey for the Purchaſer to contract upon.

Secondly, If the Surveyor-General ſhall finde the Surveys inſufficient for to contract upon, That he ſhall within ſix days after receipt thereof, tranſcribe ſo much of the Survey as is imperfect, and return the ſame unto the reſpective Surveyors, and certifie them the cauſes of his exceptions; who are hereby enjoyned forthwith to amend the ſame; but if they cannot, to certifie him the cauſe why they cannot amend the ſame: And in ſuch caſe, notwithſtanding the imperfections, the ſaid Surveyor-General is to return the Surveys to the Truſtees and Regiſter, ſo that the immediate Tenants of any part of the premiſes expreſt in the Survey, may proceed to purchaſe.

Thirdly, The ſaid Surveyor-General ſhall and may, with the conſent of any three or more of the Truſtees, rectifie and amend miſtakes, errors and other matters (that are not of ſubſtance) in caſes where by credible information or proof of ſuch amendments can be made, without any return to the ſaid particular Surveyors.

Fourthly, Where any perſon or perſons could not timely make his or their Eſtate or Eſtates appear unto, or enter his or their Claim, with the particular Surveyors for that place or County in which the ſaid premiſes lie, before the Surveys thereof be returned as aforeſaid; yet if ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall enter his Claim, and make his Eſtate appear by due Proof upon Oath unto the ſaid Surveyor-General, with any three of the ſaid Truſtees (who are hereby authorized to adminiſter the ſame) within forty days after the return of the ſaid Survey, That then the ſaid Surveyor-General ſhall enter and allow the ſame; which being by him certified to the Regiſter and Truſtees, it ſhall

be a good and ſufficient ground for the Regiſter to make out a particular accordingly, and for the Contractors to contract upon, and the Truſtees to convey.

Fifthly, That the Surveyor-General, with any three or more of the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall appoint and limit the day and time when the reſpective Surveyors ſhall begin their reſpective imployments; and how long the ſame ſhall continue, and upon juſt cauſe to enlarge the ſame.

Sixthly, That the reſpective Surveyors ſhall from time to time certifie their proceedings unto the ſaid Surveyor-General, and keep ſuch correſpondence with him, as that he may know in what place they are, and upon what imployment.

Henry Colbron Regiſter.

Be it Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, That *Henry Colbron* ſhall be Regiſter and Keeper, and ſhall have the cuſtody and keeping of all Records, Charters, Evidences, Court-Rolls, Legier-Books, Writings, Books of Survey, Rentals, Certificates, and other things of or concerning any the Honors, Manors, Caſtles, Houſes, Meſſuages, Chaſes, Parks, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the premiſes herein mentioned and appointed to be ſold: And ſhall from time to time as aforeſaid, deliver unto the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, ſuch Records, Writings and Evidences as concern the premiſes by him or them purchaſed: And that all and every Surveyors of the premiſes, ſhall make their returns of all and every their reſpective ſurveys by them taken from time to time to the ſaid Regiſter, who ſhall make entry by himſelf or Deputy, of all ſuch Surveys, Certificates and other proceedings, as ſhall from time to time be returned by the Surveyors of the premiſes, or any three or more

more of them, being firſt allowed by the Surveyor-General: And the ſaid Regiſter ſhall alſo make forth, value, rate and ſign, according to the ſaid ſurveys returned, all and every particular and particulars of the premiſes, or any part thereof, whereupon any Contract or Contracts for ſale or otherwiſe ſhall or is to be had or made; and every ſuch particular ſo rated, valued and ſigned, ſhall from time to time be a good and ſufficient ground and authority, for the Contractors appointed by this Act, or any five or more of them, to proceed or ſell accordingly: And the ſaid Regiſter ſhall make Entry of all and every ſuch Contract and Contracts, and other proceedings thereupon; and the ſaid Regiſter ſhall have, hold, execute and enjoy the ſaid Office or Place of Regiſter and Keeper, by himſelf or his ſufficient Deputy, together with the yearly Fee of One hundred pounds, payable out of the Receipts, Rents and Revenues ariſing out of the premiſes, by the hands of the Treaſurers herein mentioned, on the firſt of *January*, and the firſt of *July*, half yearly, by equal portions; which ſaid Fee of One hundred pounds, the ſaid Treaſurers are hereby required and authorized to pay accordingly; and that the Acquittance of the ſaid Regiſter ſhall be a good diſcharge to the ſaid Treaſurers and every of them for the payment thereof: And the ſaid Regiſter ſhall have and receive ſuch reaſonable Fee and Fees for writing, rating and ſigning of the ſaid particular and particulars, and otherwiſe in the execution and diſcharge of the ſaid Office, as the Committee appointed by Act of Parliament, *For removing of Obſtructions in the Sale of Biſhops Lands*, ſhall think fit and reaſonable. Provided, That the ſaid Regiſter ſhall receive no more then Two pence the ſheet, for all things that are to be copyed, and

Two pence in the ſheet to the Regiſter.

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to write Fifteen lines in each ſheet, and the ſaid Regiſter is hereby Impowered, Authorized and Required concerning the premiſes, to obſerve the like Inſtructions given unto the Regiſter for the ſale of Biſhops Lands, expreſſed and mentioned in the Ordinance of Parliament of the Sixteenth of *November*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſix, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, For appointing the Sale of Biſhops Lands for the uſe of the Commonwealth.* And be it further Enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That Sir *William Roberts*, *John Humphreys* Eſq; *Thomas Ayres* Eſq; *John White* Eſq; *James Stockal* Eſq; *Edward Creſſet* Gent. Sir *Richard Saltonſtal* Knight, *Daniel Searl* Merchant, *Nicholas Lempriere* Eſq; *Nicholas Bond* Eſq; *Richard Sidenham* Eſq; and *Robert Fenwick* Eſq; ſhall be Contractors for the ſale of the premiſes; and they or any five or more of them ſhall have power and authority, and are hereby impowered and authorized to treat, contract and agree with any perſon or perſons, Bodies Politique or Corporate, for the ſale of the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, upon ſuch particular, or certificate and values as ſhall be delivered in unto them under the Hand of the Regiſter by this Act nominated and appointed, or his Deputy. Provided, that the ſaid Contractors ſhall not treat or contract with any perſon or perſons, Body Politique or Corporate, other then the immediate Tenant or Tenants of ſuch of the ſaid reſpective Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, except Parks and Chaſes, which he or they ſo hold, for the ſpace of thirty days, to be accompted from the return of the Surveys thereof reſpectively; and in caſe ſuch Tenant or Tenants do not agree, contract, and ſubſcribe his or their contract within the ſaid thirty days, that then the

The names of the Contractors.

Tenants to ſubſcribe to their Contracts within thirty days.

the ſaid Contractors may proceed to the ſale thereof to any other perſon or perſons, Bodies Politique or Corporate whatſoever: And it is further Enacted, That the ſaid Contractors ſhall not ſell any of the ſaid Lands or premiſes in poſſeſſion, under Thirteen years purchaſe; ſaving and excepting Caſtles, Houſes and Pallaces, according as is directed by an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, of the ſecond of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for removing obſtructions in the ſale of Biſhops Lands*; and the ſaid Contractors ſhall not ſell a Reverſion of the ſaid Lands and Hereditaments upon a leaſe for one life, under ſix years and an halfs Purchaſe; and that a Reverſion of ſuch Lands and Hereditaments upon a Leaſe for two Lives, ſhall not be ſold under Three years and an halfs purchaſe; and that a Reverſion of the ſaid premiſes upon a Leaſe for three Lives, ſhall not be ſold under Two years and an halfs purchaſe; and where any Tenant or Tenants of any the premiſes, claim and have a right to have a Cuſtomary Eſtate in Reverſion, or by the Cuſtom may grant or make Leaſes for Life or Lives, the Reverſion ſhall be ſold proportionably to this Rule: And the ſaid Contractors ſhall not ſell a Reverſion of the ſaid premiſes upon a Leaſe for Seven years, under Six years and an halfs purchaſe; and that a Reverſion upon a Leaſe for Fourteen years, ſhall not be ſold under Four years and a quarters purchaſe; and that a Reverſion upon a Leaſe for One and twenty years, ſhall not be ſold under Three years purchaſe; and all other Reverſions upon Leaſes for more or fewer years, ſhall be ſold proportionable to this Rule. And it is further Enacted, That the ſaid Contractors named in this Act, ſhall take the

Lands not to be ſold under thirteen years purchaſe.

A Leaſe for one Life, not under ſix years and an halfs purchaſe.

the Oath hereafter expreſſed, before any three of the ſaid Truſtees, *in hæc verba*; (*viz.*)

The Contractors Oath.

I A. B. *do ſwear, That I will, according to my beſt skill and knowledge, faithfully diſcharge the Truſt committed unto me, in relation to* An Act of Parliament, for Sale of the Honors, Manors and Lands, heretofore belonging to the late King, Queen and Prince; *And that I will not for favor or affection, reward or gift, or hopes of reward or gift, break the ſame.*

And the ſaid Contractors are hereby authorized and required to obſerve ſuch other Inſtructions as are mentioned in the Inſtructions of the ſaid Ordinance, concerning the Contractors for the ſale of Biſhops Lands. And it is further Enacted, That the Contractors hereby nominated and appointed, ſhall and may, and are hereby enabled, authorized and required in the like caſes that ſhall happen before them, in or concerning the ſaid premiſes, to obſerve, put in ure and execution the like powers and authorities that the Contractors for the ſale of Biſhops Lands do or may do, by vertue of an Ordinance of Parliament of the ſecond of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for removing Obſtructions in the ſale of Biſhops Lands.*

Regiſter to appoint a Clerk.

And for the better carrying on of the ſaid Service, Be it further Enacted, That the ſaid Regiſter ſhall cauſe one able and ſufficient Clerk, ſuch as the Contractors ſhall approve of, to be attending on them at all their meetings, and to enter their Orders and Proceedings, and to obſerve and obey ſuch Commands and Directions concerning the premiſes, as they or any five or more of them ſhall direct

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and appoint: And that the ſaid Books of Entries ſhall remain in the cuſtody of the ſaid Contractors, or ſuch of them as the major part of them ſhall appoint. Provided, That no Copies of the ſaid Entries be taken out of the ſaid Books, but by the ſaid Regiſter or his Deputy, or the ſaid Clerk, who are to have the uſe of them for that purpoſe: And that the ſaid Regiſter and his Deputy for the time being, and the ſaid Clerk, ſhall ſeverally take before three of the ſaid Truſtees, the Oath preſcribed in the Ordinance of the Fifth of *March*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſix, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for the better explaining and executing former Ordinances for the Sale of Biſhops Lands.* And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That none of the ſaid Contractors, or any other to their or any of his or their uſe or uſes, or in truſt for them or any of them, directly or indirectly, ſhall or do purchaſe the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof: And if any of the ſaid Contractors, or any in truſt for them or any of them, ſhall purchaſe any the ſaid premiſes, he and they ſhall forfeit his or their Eſtate ſo purchaſed, and the moneys paid or to be paid for the ſame. Provided always, That if Moneys do not come in to ſatisfie the ſaid Contractors, Truſtees and Treaſurers their ſalaries allowed by this Act, that then they ſhall and may have part of the ſaid premiſes, in lieu of the ſaid ſalary, according as ſhall be ordered and appointed by authority aforeſaid. And it is further Enacted, That ſuch Committee as ſhall be appointed by the Parliament, ſhall have and exerciſe all and every the powers given to the Committee appointed by Ordinance of Parliament of the 21 of *November*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty eight, *For*

Regiſter, his Deputy and Clerk to take the Oath mentioned in the Ordinance 5o *Martii*, 1646.

Contractors not to purchaſe.

removing of Obſtructions in the Sale of Biſhops Lands.

All Body or Bodies Politique or Corporate inabled to purchaſe.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, That all and every Body or Bodies Politique or Corporate in *England* and *Wales*, ſhall have power and capacity, and are hereby enabled to take and purchaſe to themſelves and Succeſſors, any of the ſaid Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premiſes, to themſelves and their Succeſſors for ever, without ſuing forth any Licence or Licences of Alienation or Mortmain, Any Law, Statute or Charter to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, ſhall have power and authority, and are hereby impowered, Authorized and Required to convey the premiſes, or any part thereof, by Bargain or Sale Inrolled, according to the Statute, or otherwiſe by any good or ſufficient Conveyance and Aſſurance in the Law, to any perſon or perſons whatſoever, according to ſuch Contract or Contracts as ſhall be made by the Contractors, or any five or more of them: And that all bargains of Sale, Conveyances and Aſſurances made of any Eſtate or Eſtates in Fee-ſimple, according to ſuch Contracts as ſhall be agreed upon between the Purchaſer and Purchaſers, and the ſaid Contractors before-named, or any five or more of them, ſhall be good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purpoſes, and all and every Purchaſer or Purchaſers of the premiſes, or any part thereof, his or their Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhall have, hold and enjoy the premiſes, or ſuch part thereof that ſhall be by him or them purchaſed, diſcharged of all truſts and accompts, whereunto the ſaid Truſtees are

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or may be liable by vertue of this preſent Act; and all Suits and Queſtions that may ariſe, or be moved upon pretence of ſale at under-values, and all other Claims and Demands whatſoever (ſaving the Rents and Intereſts in and by this Act ſaved) and of all Incumbrances made by the ſaid Truſtees, or by any claiming under them or any of them: And that the ſaid premiſes ſhall not be lyable unto, but ſtand and ſhall be free and diſcharged of and from all and all maner of Statutes, Judgements, Recognizances, Dowers, Joyntures, and other Acts and Incumbrances whatſoever, had, made, done or ſuffered, or to be had, made, done or ſuffered, by, from or under the ſaid Truſtees, other then ſuch Conveyances and Aſſurances as ſhall be by them had, made or ſuffered, in performance or purſuance of the Sales and Contracts reſpectively made, according to the intent of this preſent Act; and ſaving unto all and every perſon and perſons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, their Heirs, Succeſſors, Executors and Adminiſtrators, all ſuch Right, Title and Intereſt, as in and by this Act is ſaved; and that if any Action ſhall be brought againſt the ſaid Truſtees, Contractors or Treaſurers, or any of them, for any act done by them or any of them, in execution of this Act, or Inſtructions unto which it relates, then he or they are hereby enabled to plead the General Iſſue, and to give this Act in Evidence; and if a Judgement paſs for them, they ſhall recover double Coſts. And be it further Enacted, That if any perſon or perſons, Body Politique and Corporate, who ſhall be Purchaſers of any part of the premiſes, ſhall hereafter be evicted out of any part of the premiſes, by vertue of any Right, Title or Intereſt in or unto the ſame; That in ſuch caſe the ſaid Purchaſer and Purchaſers ſo evicted, ſhall have full and due ſatisfaction, recompence

Purchaſers evicted, to have allowance for their moneys.

and allowance made to him and them for the moneys paid, advanced or defalked according to this Act for the ſaid purchaſe, and that in ſuch maner as is directed by an Ordinance of Parliament, of the One and twentieth of *November*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty eight, in like caſes as the Purchaſers of Biſhops Lands ought to have, if they be evicted; and if it be required by the Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Aſſigns, or the Succeſſors of any Bodies Politique or Corporate, one or more Acts of Parliament, or Letters Patents under the Great-Seal of *England* by authority of Parliament, ſhall hereafter paſs for the further aſſuring of the premiſes, or any part of them, unto ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers, their Heirs or Aſſigns, or the Succeſſors of Bodies Politique and Corporate requiring the ſame; paying for the ſame the like Fees as are appointed by an Ordinance of Parliament, of the Three and twentieth of *September*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven. And it is further Enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Truſtees named in this Act for conveying of the ſaid premiſes, and the Purchaſer and Purchaſers of all or any of the ſaid Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments and premiſes, or any part thereof, their and every of their reſpective Heirs and Aſſigns, and the Succeſſors of Bodies Politique and Corporate, ſhall have, hold, uſe and enjoy, all the like Benefits, Priviledges, Rights, Uſages and Cuſtoms; and likewiſe take all advantages, benefits of conditions broken, forfeitures, or non-performance of Covenants, Entries or Actions, as the ſaid King, Queen, or their ſaid eldeſt Son, or any of their Heirs or Succeſſors at any time could or might have uſed or enjoyed. And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees or any five or more

Purchaſers may have Acts of Parliament or Letters Patents for the aſſuring of the premiſes

Purchaſers to have the like benefit as the King, Queen or Prince had.

more of them, or ſuch perſon or perſons as they as aforeſaid ſhall authorize under their Hands and Seals, ſhall make a Leaſe or Leaſes of the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, which ſhall be out of Leaſe, for one year or leſs, and ſo from year to year, or leſs, till the premiſes be ſold, reſerving the beſt Rent they can get for the ſame. Provided, That ſuch of the ſaid premiſes as are grantable by copy of Court-Roll, according to the Cuſtom of any Honor or Manor, ſhall be demiſed by copy of Court-Roll reſpectively. And it is further Enacted, That *Thomas Andrews*, now Major of the City of *London*, Sir *John Wollaſton* Knight and Alderman, *John Dethick* Alderman, and *Francis Allen* Eſq; ſhall be Treaſurers for the ſaid Service; and that they or any two of them are hereby impowered and authorized to receive all ſuch ſum and ſums of money, as from time to time ought to be paid in to the Treaſury by vertue of this Act, which ſhall be iſſued and paid, according to the Rules, Directions and Inſtructions mentioned in this Act; and according to ſuch further Rules and Inſtructions as from time to time they ſhall receive from the Parliament, or by authority thereof.

The Names of the Treaſurers.

Inſtructions for the Treaſurers.

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THat *the ſaid Treaſurers ſhall not iſſue out, or pay any of the Rents, Iſſues or profits of the ſaid premiſes, but according to ſuch Warrant or Warrants as they ſhall from time to time receive from the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, for the ends and purpoſes contained in this preſent Act; And that the Receipt of ſuch perſon or perſons to whom ſuch Warrant is made, ſhall be a good diſcharge to the ſaid Treaſurers.*

And

Henry Robinſon Merchant, Comptroller.

And be it further Enacted, That *Henry Robinſon* Merchant, ſhall be Comptroller of all Entries, Receipts and Payments which ſhall be made to or by the ſaid Treaſurers; and ſhall have power and authority by himſelf or his ſufficient Deputies, to keep Accompt of all Entries, Receipts, Payments, Defalkations and Diſcounts whatſoever, which ſhall be made unto or by the ſaid Treaſurers: And the ſaid Comptroller and his Deputies ſhall execute the ſaid place of Comptroller in relation to the ſaid premiſes, according to ſuch Inſtructions and Directions as are given to the Comptroller for the Receipts of Biſhops Lands, by an Ordinance of Parliament of the Sixteenth of *November*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſix. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That upon all the Accompts for Arrears of the Forces now in Service, which ſhall be taken, ſtated and certified by vertue of the late Act of Parliament (Entituled, *An Act for the preſent examining and ſtating the Accompts of the Officers and Soldiers now in the Parliaments Service within this Nation*) all the Certificates made or to be made concerning ſuch Accompts and Arrears by vertue of the ſaid Act (which are not already returned to the Committee for the Army, or the Commiſſioners for Accompts at *Worceſter-houſe*) ſhall be returned by the ſaid Truſtees appointed by this Act; and all ſuch Certificates as aforeſaid, which by vertue of the ſaid Act, or the Order of Parliament, of the Two and twentieth of *June*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty nine, are already returned to the Committee of the Army, or to the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall by the ſaid Committee or Commiſſioners reſpectively, be tranſmitted and returned to the ſame Truſtees; which ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to appoint

Certificates of Arrears to be tranſmitted to the Truſtees.

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and imploy a particular Regiſter (by the Name of Regiſter of Debenters) who ſhall receive, Regiſter and ſafe keep the ſaid Certificates, and all Accompts and Evidences concerning the ſaid Arrears, which ſhall be returned or tranſmitted to the ſaid Truſtees as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them, after any ſuch Accompts and Certificates of Arrears ſo returned or tranſmitted to them as aforeſaid, ſhal examine & reviſe, or by ſome Auditor or Auditors to be imployed by them for that purpoſe, ſhall cauſe to be examined and reviſed the Accompts and Arrears ſo ſtated and certified as aforeſaid; Firſt, of ſuch officers & ſoldiers as are engaged and inliſted for the ſervice of *Ireland*, to ſee that there be no miſtakes in caſting up the ſame (and to amend ſuch miſtakes, if any be) and to ſee that Deductions for Free-quarter be duly made thereupon, according to an Ordinance of Parliament, bearing date the Four and twentieth of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, and thereupon for the clear Arrears remaining due after ſuch deductions, the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them are hereby authorized and required (with all poſſible expedition) to order and give out ſeveral Debenters to the ſaid ſeveral Officers and Soldiers engaged for *Ireland*, or to their aſſigns reſpectively; which Debenters ſhall be in the nature of Bonds or Bills, in ſuch form as the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them ſhall think fit, charging the State or Commonweath to pay the ſeveral Creditors or their Aſſigns, the ſeveral ſums to them reſpectively due as aforeſaid; and thereof either charging the whole ſum due to each Creditor in one Debenter, or ſeveral portions thereof in ſeveral Debenters, and in each Debenter limiting a time, or ſeveral times for payment (as to them the ſaid Truſtees, or any five or more of them ſhall appear moſt convenient)

Truſtees to appoint a Regiſter of Debenters.

Free quarter to be deducted out of Arrears.

Debenters to be in the nature of Bonds or Bills.

convenient) ſo as they give not to any one Creditor more then one Debenter for any ſum of Ten pounds value or under, and ſo as for any ſum to the value of Ten pounds or upwards, they ſet not down leſs time for payment then at two twelves Moneths, from the date of ſuch Debenters reſpectively, but in every ſuch Debenter they ſhall charge the ſum thereof to be allowed immediately in the purchaſe of any the Lands given for Security of Arrears; All and every of which Debenters ſhall be Signed by two or more of the ſaid Truſtees with their reſpective Names, and ſuch Stamps or Impreſſions in the nature of their Seals, as they ſhall finde fitteſt to uſe; and ſhall be alſo atteſted by the ſaid Regiſter of Debenters under his Hand, who ſhall alſo enter in a Regiſter Book to be kept by him to that purpoſe, the ſum charged in or by every ſuch Debenter, with the Name of the Creditor, and the Regiment, Troop or Company whereof in the ſaid Debenter he is accompted; as alſo the time or times therein limited for payment, and the Names of the Truſtees ſigning the ſame reſpectively: And the ſaid Debenters being perfected, with Entries made of them as aforeſaid, ſhall for the Officers and Soldiers of the ſeveral Regiments, Troops and Companies, be delivered out to any of the Field-Officers for the reſpective Regiments, or to the Captains for the reſpective Troops or Companies, or to ſuch other perſon or perſons as by the Colonels for the reſpective Regiments, or by the ſeveral Captains for their reſpective Troops or Companies ſhall be intruſted to receive the ſame: And for the accompts and certificates of Arrears to be returned or tranſmitted to the Truſtees as aforeſaid, for ſuch Officers and Soldiers as do not engage for *Ireland*, the ſaid Truſtees before the

the giving out of Debenters thereupon, ſhall examine and reviſe the ſame, or cauſe them to be examined and reviſed as aforeſaid, not onely to amend miſtakes, and ſee that deductions for Free-quarter be duly made as aforeſaid, but alſo (where they ſee cauſe) to examine the validity of the Grounds and Evidences for the ſame (which by vertue of the aforeſaid Act concerning Accompts, or of this preſent Act ſhall be retutned to them) and to compare them with the Accompts and Evidences concerning ſuch Arrears remaining with the late Grand Committee for Accompts, or with the Commiſſioners or Auditors at *Worceſter-Houſe*, or any of them (who are hereby required to attend and aſſiſt the ſaid Truſtees from time to time for that purpoſe) and in caſe of any error in the Accompts ſo returned or tranſmitted, which ſhall thereby or otherwiſe be diſcovered, The ſaid Truſtees ſhall or may correct and amend the ſame, ſo as the State may not be wrongfully charged; and after ſuch reviſing and examining of the ſaid Accompts, the like Debenters for the clear Arrears appearing due thereupon to ſuch Officers and Soldiers as were in the Service in *January*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, ſhall be given out in ſuch maner and form as aforeſaid reſpectively; and for ſuch Accompts as by vertue of the aforeſaid Act, or of the Order of Parliament, of the 22 of *June*, 1649. are or ſhall be taken and ſtated by the Committee for the Army, or the ſaid Commiſſioners at *Worceſter-Houſe*; The ſaid Committee, or any three or more of them, or the ſaid Commiſſioners at *Worceſter-Houſe*, or any two or more of them reſpectively, ſhall certifie the ſame to the ſaid Truſtees, who ſhall thereupon give out ſuch Debenters as aforeſaid, for the clear Arrears ſo certified, and for all other Arrears which by vertue of any

former Ordinance of Parliament, the ſaid Committee for the Army have given out, or ſhall give out Debenters for, or have had returned to them to be Regiſtred by them; The ſaid Committee ſhall cauſe the Regiſter for ſuch Arrears and Debenters, to deliver over the Accompts thereof to the ſaid Truſtees their Regiſter of Debenters, who ſhall Receive, Regiſter, and ſafe keep the ſame; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall call in all Debenters heretofore given out for ſuch Arrears, to be brought in unto them, by ſuch certain day as they ſhall think fit, not exceeding ſix moneths, from the firſt of July, One thouſand ſix hundred forty nine, and ſhall take in and cancel the ſame; and in ſtead thereof for the reſpective ſums of Arrear, which at the time of bringing in the ſame ſhall remain due thereupon, ſhall give out to the reſpective Officers and Soldiers therein named, or to their Aſſigns, ſuch new Debenters or Bills, and in ſuch maner or form as for other Arrears are here before directed or allowed; for all which Debenters the ſaid Regiſter of Debenters ſhall make Entries, and proceed as is afore directed for other Arrears; and the ſaid Comptroller ſhall keep a Check upon all the debts ſo to be Charged and Regiſtred as aforeſaid. And it is hereby Enacted, That all and every the ſaid Debenters to be given out by the ſaid Truſtees as aforeſaid, for any ſuch Arrears due to ſuch of the reſpective Officers or Soldiers, who having been in the Parliaments Service within this Nation in January, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, now are, or before the time of giving out the ſaid Debenters, ſhall be engaged for the Service of *Ireland*, or deceaſed, or being disbanded or duly diſcharged, do continue without other publique imployment for which the State allows Pay, or to their reſpective Aſſigns, ſhall bear date from

Truſtees to call in Debenters heretofore given for Arrears.

Truſtees to give new Debenters or Bills for Arrears.

Comptroller to keep a Check upon debts Regiſtred.

from the first of *July*, One thousand six hundred forty nine: And for any Arrears due to any other Officers or Soldiers, the Debenters to be given out by the said Trustees by vertue of this Act, shall bear date from the first of *December*, One thousand six hundred forty nine, or from such other time or times before the said first of *December*, as the same shall be given out respectively. And be it further Enacted and Declared by the authority aforesaid, That all and every such Debenters to be signed and given out by the said Trustees, and Registred as aforesaid, shall be sufficient and effectual to charge the Commonwealth for the due payment of the several principal debts of Arrears therein expressed, unto the several Creditors therein named, or their Assigns respectively, to be satisfied out of the said Lands and premises assigned and setled for security thereof, and out of the Rents, Issues and Profits, and the proceed upon sale of the same, or to be defalked upon the purchase of any the said Lands and premises, as hereafter in this Act is directed; together with Interest for such of the principal debts, or such part or parts thereof, as shall happen not to be satisfied or defalked at or before the several times in the said Debenters to be limited as aforesaid, from and after the several times so to be limited, unto the time or times of actual paying, satisfying or defalking of the same respectively. And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for any of the Creditors or persons aforesaid, their Assignee or Assignees of any sum or sums of money, for which by this Act the said Lands and premises are given for security, or which the same are, or by vertue of this Act shall be charged with, and made lyable to satisfie or pay as aforesaid, to assign his or their Right, Title, or Interest, in or to

Debenters effectual to charge the Commonwealth with payment.

any ſuch ſum or ſums of moneys to him or them reſpectively due, or to aſſign and turn over irrevocably his or their reſpective Debenters for the ſame, to any perſon or perſons whatſoever: And that every ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſignees may aſſign over the ſame to any other perſon or perſons; and the laſt Aſſignee or Aſſignees for the time being, of any ſuch ſum or ſums of money due, or of any ſuch Debenter or Debenters for the ſame as aforeſaid, and every of them, and his or their, and every of their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, from time to time ſhall have like Liberty, Right, Title, Benefit and Advantage, to all intents and purpoſes, as by vertue of this Act, or otherwiſe is or ſhall be due, and of right belonging to any the aforeſaid Original Creditors or perſons, or their Aſſigns. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That if any the aforeſaid Creditors or Perſons, their Heirs, Executors or Adminiſtrators, or the Aſſignee or Aſſignees of them or any of them, to whom any ſuch ſum or ſums of money is or ſhall be due as aforeſaid, ſhall become a Purchaſer or Purchaſers of any the premiſes by this Act appointed to be ſold, That then it ſhall and may be lawful for them and every of them, to defalk or detain every or any ſuch ſum or ſums of money as ſhall be due to him or them as aforeſaid, upon every or any ſuch purchaſe that he or they ſhall make of the ſaid Lands and premiſes, or any part thereof, if the ſum or ſums to him or them due as aforeſaid, ſhall not exceed the value of the purchaſe; or if it do, then ſo much thereof as the purchaſe ſhall amount unto. Provided, That he or they ſhall upon every or any ſuch purchaſe, pay down to the ſaid Treaſurers in Money, ſo much *per* pound of his or their whole Purchaſe, as the allowances for the

Debenters to be aſſigned over to any perſon.

the Truſtees, Contractors, Treaſurers, Comptroller of Entries, and Regiſter of Debenters, and every of them reſpectively do or ſhall amount unto; and the Regiſter of Debenters to be appointed as aforeſaid, is hereby authorized and required from time to time, and as often as need ſhall require, to aſcertain and certifie to the Treaſurers the principal Debt, that at the time of payment for the Purchaſe of any the premiſes Purchaſed by any of the aforeſaid Creditors or perſons, or the Aſſignee or Aſſignees of any of them ſhall be due; with ſuch conſideration of Intereſt for ſuch time or times, and at ſuch Rates as by this Act is, or otherwiſe by the Authority aforeſaid ſhall be allowed for the ſame; whoſe Certificate or Certificates for the ſame, with the delivering in of the reſpective Debenters or Bills for the ſum or ſums whereof Defalkation ſhall be demanded, ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant for the ſaid Treaſurers to allow the ſame upon any or every Purchaſe or Purchaſes that they or any of them ſhall make of the premiſes, or any part thereof. And the ſaid Treaſurers are hereby Authorized and Required to allow the ſame acordingly, and to take in ſuch reſpective Debenters or Bills, and return them forthwith to the ſaid Regiſter of Debenters, to be cancelled and vacated; who ſhall thereupon cancel the ſame, and enter them in his Books of Accompts as ſatisfied and diſcharged. And that the perſons imployed in and about the ſaid ſervice may have due Encouragement, Be it Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Contractors mentioned in this Act, ſhall have and receive Three pence in the pound for all ſuch Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments which ſhall be Contracted for, and ſold by them, and conveyed according to the rate which they

Debenters a ſufficient warrant for the Treaſurers upon payment.

Contractors three pence in the pound.

Truſtees three pence in the pound.

Treaſurers one peny in the pound.

they ſhall be ſold for; and that the ſaid Truſtees ſhall have and receive Three pence in the pound for all ſuch of the ſaid Lands as they ſhall convey, according to the rates for which they ſhall be ſold; and that the Treaſurers named in this Act, ſhall have, and may deduct out of all moneys received by them, and alſo out of all moneys to be allowed by them upon any Defalkations for any Purchaſe made of the ſaid Lands, one peny in the pound, according to the Rates for which the ſaid premiſes ſhall be ſold, for their own Salary, and paying their Clerks and Tellers. Provided, That the ſaid Deduction be made according as the purchaſer pays in or defalks his Purchaſe Money, and not otherwiſe. And that the Surveyor-General for the ſaid premiſes ſhall have for his Fee, for him and his Clerks for the ſaid Service, the ſum of One hundred and fifty pounds for one whole year now next enſuing, payable out of the Rents and proceed of the ſaid premiſes, by the Treaſurers thereof for the time being, on the Firſt of *January*, and on the Firſt of *July*, half yearly by equal portions. And that the ſaid Comptroller for the ſaid premiſes ſhall have for his Fee, for himſelf and his Clerks for the ſaid Service, Three hundred pounds *per annum*, payable at the days aforeſaid for the ſpace of three years, if his Service ſhall ſo long continue. And be it further Enacted, Ordained and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every perſon and perſons, Body Politique and Corporate, who ſhall Contract for any of the ſaid premiſes, ſhall pay in or defalk the firſt moyety of his Purchaſe Moneys, within Eight weeks after his Contract made; and the ſecond Moyety of the ſame, within Six moneths after the ſaid firſt Payment or Defalkation as aforeſaid; and ſhall likewiſe proſecute and procure his

150 l. *per annum* for the Surveyor-General and his Clerks.

300 l. *per annum* for the Comptroller and his Clerks.

One moyety of the purchaſe money to be paid within eight weeks after Contract.

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or their reſpective Conveyances, from the Truſtees appointed to convey the premiſes within the ſaid Eight weeks, or otherwiſe he and they ſhall incur the penalties of ſuch Defaulters as are mentioned in an Ordinance of the Three and twentieth of *March*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for the Explanation and better Execution of former Ordinances of Parliament for the ſale of Biſhops Lands in* England *and* Wales, unleſs he or they can procure from the ſaid Contractors, or any five or more of them, upon good cauſe ſhewn, and to be allowed by them, a Certificate or Certificates for further time to perfect his or their Conveyance: which certificate and further Licence or Licences, the ſaid Contractors as aforeſaid are hereby authorized to give. And the ſaid Contractors and Treaſurers named in this Act reſpectively, are hereby enabled, authorized and required, as there ſhall be occaſion, to put the ſaid Ordinance in Execution, according to the intent and meaning thereof. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That what of the Prices or Purchaſes of any the ſaid Lands or premiſes, or of any part thereof, ſhall be paid to the ſaid Treaſurers in Money (except for the ſaid allowances to the ſaid Truſtees, Contractors, Treaſurers, Comptroller of Entries, and Regiſter of Debenters, and every of them) and what ſhall otherwiſe come unto the ſaid Treaſury, by the Rents, Iſſues and Profits of the premiſes, or any part thereof (after the charges of Surveying, and other Incidents to this Service defrayed) ſhall be iſſued out by Warrants from the ſaid Truſtees, or any three or more of them, for and towards the ſatisfaction of

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ſuch of the ſaid Debts and Arrears charged or to be charged as aforeſaid upon the ſaid Lands and premiſes, as ſhall not be defalked by any Purchaſers; whereof the ſaid Truſtees ſhall be, and are hereby authorized and required to ſatisfie the firſt, the one half of all and every ſuch debts throughout reſpectively (as money comes in) and then the other half (as more comes in) and in ſatisfying of the ſeveral moyeties, ſhall obſerve the courſe and order hereafter preſcribed; *viz.* to ſatisfie by the ſaid ſeveral moyeties the reſpective Debts;

Truſtees to ſatisfie firſt half of all debts charged on this Act.

Original creditors to be firſt ſatisfied.

Firſt, of ſuch of the Original Creditors, or their Aſſignee or Aſſignees reſpectively, as are or before payment ſhall be deceaſed.

Secondly, of ſuch as by disbanding, or with lawful diſcharges have, or before payment ſhall have left their Military ſervice, and are not, or at the time or times for ſuch payment ſhall not be in other publique Office or Imployment under Pay of the State.

Thirdly, of ſuch as are, or before the time or times for ſuch payment, ſhall be in the Service of *Ireland*, or other Imployment for the Parliament out of this Land.

Fourthly, of ſuch as ſhall (at the time or times for ſuch payment) be in Military Service, or other publique Imployment or benefit within this Nation.

Truſtees to obſerve the Directions of the Lord General and Councel of War.

And for the particular courſe and order of ſatisfying the Debts of the ſaid four ſeveral ſorts of Original Creditors, their Aſſignee or Aſſignees reſpectively, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall obſerve ſuch general or particular Directions, as they ſhall from time to time receive from the Lord General and Councel of War, or (for ſuch as ſhall be in the *Iriſh* Service) from the Lieutenant General

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or Commander in chief for the time being, and Councel of War there; and the Truſtees, Treaſurers, and the Regiſter of Debts aforeſaid, and every of them (after ſuch directions received as aforeſaid) for the more publique and certain proceeding according thereunto, in ſatisfaction of the ſaid ſeveral moyeties of the reſpective Debts to the ſaid ſeveral ſorts of the Original Creditors, or their Aſſigns, or to hold ſuch courſe for a publique and open Regiſtry of the ſaid ſeveral Debts, expreſſing the courſe and order in which they ſeverally are, or from time to time ſhall be payable, and how far the ſame or any of them reſpectively are, or from time to time ſhall be ſatisfied, either by ſuch defalkations, or elſe by payment in ſuch proportions, order and courſe as aforeſaid, as by an Ordinance of Parliament of
was preſcribed and appointed to be obſerved and kept by the Committee of the Army, Treaſurers and Regiſter, intruſted for the arrears comprehended within the Six hundred thouſand pounds, charged heretofore for ſecurity upon the Excize; ſo as any perſon concerned may at any time ſee in what courſe and order the payment of the ſaid ſeveral Debts is to be expected, and what Debts or moyeties thereof are to precede the ſatisfaction of that or thoſe he looketh for. And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, That the Committee ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be a Committee for removal of obſtructions in the ſale and conveying of the ſaid premiſes; and that they ſhall and may, to all intents and purpoſes, execute all powers and authorities concerning the premiſes, as the Committee for removing of Obſtructions in the ſale of Biſhops Lands, according to an Ordinance of the One and twentieth of *November*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty eight,

Committee to be appointed for removal of Obſtructions in the ſale of the premiſes.

Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for the removing Obſtructions in the ſale of Biſhops Lands*, might, may or ought to do. And the Contractors, Truſtees, Treaſurers, Regiſter of Debenters, and Surveyor-General, named in this Act, and all other perſons imployed in or about the ſaid Service, are required to obſerve ſuch ORDERS and DIRECTIONS as from time to time they ſhall receive from the ſaid Committee. And the ſaid Committee ſo to be appointed, ſhall and may allow all incident charges for the carrying on the Service. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That *Worceſter-Houſe*, or ſome other place, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think fitting, ſhall be the place where the ſaid ſeveral perſons ſhall and may tranſact the ſaid Service, and put in execution this Act. And be it laſtly Enacted and Ordained, That the ſaid Truſtees do forthwith cauſe this preſent Act to be printed and publiſhed.

Truſtees to appoint a place wherein to tranſact this Service.

Provided always, That neither this Act, nor any thing therein contained, ſhall extend to the Houſe called and known by the name of *White-Hall*, in the County of *Middleſex*; nor to the Stables and Barns commonly called *The Mews*, and other Buildings thereunto adjoyning and appertaining; nor to the Buildings called *The Cockpit*, *The Tennis Court*, *Scotland-Yard*, and the Buildings thereupon or within the ſame; *The Tilt-Yard*, nor to the Garden commonly called *Spring-Garden*, nor to any the Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Courts or Backſides belonging unto, and now uſed and enjoyed with the ſaid *White-Hall*; nor to the Pallace of *Weſtminſter*, in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; nor to the Houſe commonly called

Exceptions of ſeveral Honors, Manors, Houſes, Caſtles, Parks, Meſſuages, and places to be reſerved for the uſe of the State.

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Saint James's-House, in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; nor to any the Buildings and Out-Houſes thereunto adjoyning and appertaining; nor to the Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Courts, or Backſides, belonging unto, and now uſed and enjoyed in the ſaid Houſe; nor to the Park adjoyning to the ſaid Houſe, commonly called St. *James's Park*; nor to the Houſe commonly called *Somerſet*, or *Denmark Houſe*, ſcituate in the *Strand*, in the ſaid county of *Middleſex*; nor to any the Buildings and Out-Houſes thereunto adjoyning and appertaining, and now uſed with the ſame; nor the Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Courts or Backſides belonging unto, and now uſed and enjoyed with the ſaid Houſe; nor to the Houſe commonly called and known by the name of *Hampton-Court*, in the ſaid county of *Middleſex*, nor to the Barns, Stables, or other Out-Houſes thereunto belonging, and now uſed and enjoyed with the ſame; nor to any the Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Courts, or Backſides belonging unto, and now uſed and enjoyed with the ſaid Houſe; nor to the Park adjoyning to the ſaid *Hampton-Court*, commonly called *The Houſe-Park*; nor to the two other Parks, called *The middle Park*, and *Buſhy Park*, at *Hampton-Court*, within the ſaid County, nor to the Honor and Manor of *Eaſt-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*; nor to the houſe commonly called *Greenwich-Houſe* in the county of *Kent*; nor to the Barns, Stables, or other Out-houſes thereunto belonging, and now uſed and enjoyed with the ſame; nor to the buildings commonly known by the name of *The Queens new buildings*, nor to any the Gardens, Orchards, Yards, Courts or Backſides belonging unto, and now uſed and enjoyed with the ſaid Houſe; nor to the Park adjoyning to the ſaid Houſe, commonly called *Greenwich-Park*; nor to the Caſtle ſcituate, and being within the ſaid Park, known by

the name of *Greenwich-Caſtle*, within the ſaid county; nor to the Tower of *London*, with the Appurtenances; nor to the Tower Hills, nor to the Tower Wharfs, nor any of the Houſes or Offices thereunto belonging; nor to the Caſtle commonly called or known by the name of *Windſor Caſtle*, in the County of *Berks*; nor to the Yard near adjoyning to the ſaid Caſtle, commonly called *The timber Yard*, with the Buildings therein, heretofore and now uſed and enjoyed for the Officers of the Works belonging to the ſaid Caſtle; nor to the Park adjoyning to the ſaid Caſtle, commonly called *The little Park*; nor to the Park commonly called *The new Park*, near *Richmond* in the County of *Surrey*; nor to the Park commonly called *Hide Park*, in the County of *Middleſex*; nor to the Park commonly called *Cornbury Park*, in the county of *Oxford*; nor to any the Caſtles now Gariſoned by the Parliaments Forces in *England* or *Wales*; nor to any Hoſpitals or Free-Schools; nor to any Houſes, Store-houſes, Buildings, Yards, Docks, Barge-houſes, or other ſuch grounds and places that now are, and by the ſpace of twenty years laſt paſt, have been uſed and accuſtomed to be imployed for the Navy, Cuſtoms, Office of Ordnance, Receipts or Accompts of the publique Revenue, Courts of Juſtice, Priſons, or any other publique Office belonging to the ſervice of the State.

Provided always, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to any Timber Trees fit for the uſe and ſervice of the publique Navy of this Commonwealth, which are now growing or being within fifteen miles of any River fit for conveyance of ſuch Timber; which ſaid Timber Trees ſhall be ſurveyed and marked by ſuch ſurveyors as the Commiſſioners of the Navy ſhall nominate and appoint: And the ſaid Surveyors are to re-

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turn the number of the ſaid Timber Trees by them ſurveyed and marked as aboveſaid, the places where the ſaid Timber Trees do grow, and other their proceedings, to the Truſtees named in this Act, at or before the tenth day of *December*, 1649. And the ſaid Timber Trees ſo ſurveyed, marked and returned, ſhall be cut, felled and carryed away, at or before the tenth day of *July*, which ſhall be in the year of our Lord, 1657. by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint: And in caſe that upon Surveys made and returned, as is before in this Act directed, it ſhall appear that there is not ſufficient to ſatisfie the Arrears of the Soldiery mentioned in this preſent Act, then there ſhall be further proviſion made for the remaining Arrears not ſatisfied as aboveſaid, out of the Forreſts of the ſaid late King, Queen or Prince, or otherwiſe as the Parliament ſhall direct.

Provided, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to grant unto the foreſaid Truſtees, any Forreſts within this Commonwealth; nor any Manors, Lands, Hereditaments or Tenements, within the ordinary and uſual Limits, Precincts, or Preambulations of the ſame, as touching ſo much thereof as are within the ſame (not being any of the Parks beforementioned, and hereby intended to be granted to the ſaid Truſtees) nor to any Impropriation, or Parſonage appropriate, nor to any Advowſon, Right of Patronage, or Preſentation unto any Parſonage or Vicarage, or Churches Donative or Preſentative; nor to any Reverſion or Remainder in the Crown, expectant upon Eſtate Tale.

Provided, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend unto the Houſe called or known by the name of *Vaux-hall*, nor to the Grounds, Houſes, Buildings, Models, Utenſils, or other neceſſaries for practical

etical Inventions therein contained, or thereto belonging; but that they, and every of them, ſhall remain and continue for the uſe of the Commonwealth, to be imployed and diſpoſed of by the Parliament, as they ſhall think fit, Any thing contained herein, or in any other Act to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Provided always, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, ſhall in any wiſe extend to the Scite of *Pomfret Caſtle*, or the Houſes and Buildings yet remaining, or any the Parks, or other the Demeaſn Lands and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, uſed and imployed to the value of Three hundred pounds *per annum*, Ordered the Seven and twentieth of *March*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty nine, to be conveyed unto Major General *Lambert*, his Heirs and Aſſigns.

Provided always, That neither this Act, nor any thing therein contained, ſhall extend to the Manor Houſe of *York*, nor other the Buildings and Grounds within the Walls thereof, adjoyning to the City of *York*.

Provided, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, ſhall in any wiſe extend, or cauſe to make void, impeach, or weaken one Leaſe, Grant or Demiſe made of the Manor of *Stockton Socon*, alias *Stockton Socon*, in the County of *Norfolk*, and other things contained in a pair of Indentures, bearing date the Ninth day of *September*, in the Seventeenth year of the Raign of the late King *Charls*, to Sir *Edmund Mundeford* Knight (ſince deceaſed) *Anthony Drury* and *Nicholas Smith*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, for the Term of Thirty years next enſuing the day of the date of the ſaid Indenture.

Provided always, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to the Houſe called *The Wardrobe*,

Wardrobe, with all its appurtenances, ſcituate, lying and being near *Puddle Dock*, within the Pariſh of *Andrew Wardrobe*, in the City of *London*; and in like maner to the Houſe wherein Sir *John Heydon* formerly dwelt, belonging to the Office of the Ordnance, ſcituate, lying and being in the Pariſh of *Trinity Minories*, in the County of *Middleſex*, with all its Appurtenances, Out-Houſes, Orchards, Gardens and Yards, any ways thereunto belonging or appertaining; and the Ground called *The old Artillery Ground*, with all Houſes therein built, ſcituate, lying and being without *Biſhopſgate*, in the Pariſh of *Botolph Biſhopſgate*, *London*.

Provided, That ſuch of the Original Creditors, their Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, or any of them, who ſhall deſire to become Purchaſers of any the Lands mentioned in this Act, with Debenters given immediately to them the Original Creditors, and not by way of Aſſignment from others, ſhall have liberty of preemption for Ten days after the time ſet and limited, for and after the immediate Tenants, and before any other perſons whatſoever, according to the Rules aforementioned in this Act.

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Die Veneris, 24 December. 1647.

An Ordinance for the payment of the Soldiery out of the Moyety of the Receipts of Excize.

THe Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, taking into conſideration the great Arrears of Pay due to the Army, that is to be kept up in this Kingdom, and of the Supernumeraries that are now to be disbanded; and being reſolved to give ſecurity for the ſame, Do Ordain, and be it hereby Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that towards the payment thereof, the ſum of Six hundred thouſand pounds out of the Moyety of the Receipt of the Exeize in courſe, ſhall be paid to the Treaſurers at Wars, to be imployed for the uſes aforeſaid, in ſuch maner as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall hereafter appoint.

Die Veneris, 24 December. 1647.

An Ordinance for payment of the Soldiery out of Delinquents Eſtates.

THe Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, taking into conſideration the great Arrears of Pay due to the Soldiery who have faithfully ſerved

ſerved the Parliament, and being reſolved to give ſecurity for the ſame, Do Ordain, and be it hereby Ordained by the Lords and Commons, That towards the payment thereof, two third parts of all the Lands and Hereditaments of all the Delinquents mentioned or comprehended in the three firſt qualifications of the Propoſition for Delinquents ſent to the King in the Iſle of *Wight*, not formerly diſpoſed of, or the Fines that ſhall be ſet upon thoſe Delinquents by the ſaid Houſes, ſhall be paid in to the Treaſurers at Wars, to be diſpoſed of for the purpoſes aforeſaid, in ſuch maner as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall think fit.

Die Veneris, 24 December. 1647.

An Ordinance for payment of the Soldiery out of Biſhops Lands remaining not ingaged.

THe Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, taking into conſideration the great Arrears of pay due to the Soldiery who have faithfully ſerved the Parliament, and being reſolved to give ſecurity for the ſame, Do Ordain, and be it hereby Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That towards the payment thereof, the Money ariſing out of the remaining part of all the Lands and Revenues of all the late Arch-Biſhops, and Biſhops of the Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, late belonging to their Arch-Biſhopricks and Biſhopricks, appointed to be ſold by ſeveral former Ordinances for that purpoſe, after ſuch engagements ſatisfied as are already charged thereupon, ſhall be paid over to the Treaſurers at Wars, to be imployed for the

uſes aforeſaid, in ſuch maner as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall hereafter appoint.

An Ordinance for payment of the Soldiers Arrears.

Die Veneris, 24 *December*. 1647.

THe Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, taking into conſideration the great Arrears of pay due to the Soldiery that have faithfully ſerved the Parliament, and being reſolved to ſecure the ſame, have by an Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament, of the 24 of this inſtant *December*, Ordained, That the Money ariſing out of the remaining part of the Lands and Revenues of all the late Arch-Biſhops, and Biſhops of the Realm of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, late belonging to the Arch-Biſhopricks and Biſhopricks appointed to be ſold by ſeveral Ordinances of Parliament (after ſuch engagements as are charged thereupon ſhall be firſt ſatisfied) ſhall be imployed for the payment of the ſoldiery. And by another Ordinance of Parliament of the date aforeſaid, two third parts of all the Lands and Hereditaments of all the Delinquents mentioned or comprehended in the three firſt qualifications of that Propoſition for Delinquents, lately ſent to the King to the Iſle of *Wight*, not formerly diſpoſed of, or the Fines that ſhall be ſet by the ſaid Houſes upon thoſe Delinquents, are appointed to be and enure to the uſe aforeſaid. And further by an Ordinance of Parliament of the ſame date, the ſum of Six hundred thouſand pounds is charged to be paid out of the Moyety of the Receipts of the Excize

in course towards payment of the Arrears of the Army that is to be kept up, and the Supernumeraries that are to be disbanded, as by the said severall Ordinances may appear: It is now Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That the said sum of Six hundred thousand pounds be, and is hereby charged upon all and every the Securities aforesaid, for and towards satisfaction of the Arrears of the Soldiers, that are to be kept up in this Kingdom, and of the Supernumeraries that are now to be disbanded, and shall be in the first place satisfied. And it is further Ordained by the Lords and Commons aforesaid, That all and every such sum or sums of Money, as shall be received and come in upon any the Securities aforesaid, shall be from time to time paid unto the Treasurers at Wars, at Guild-hall *London*, and shall be issued and paid forth by the said Treasurers at Wars, to such person and persons for the uses aforesaid, in such maner as the Committee of Lords and Commons for the Army, or any five of them shall from time to time under their hands limit and appoint.

An Ordinance giving power to the Committee of the Army, for stating the Accompts of the Soldiery.

Die Veneris, 24 December. 1647.

BE it Ordained, and it is Ordained by the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament, That the Committee of Lords and Commons for the Army, or any three of them shall have Power and Authority, and are hereby Authorized and Enabled by themselves, and such as they shall appoint, and by such ways and

means as they or any three of them ſhall think fit, to cauſe the Accompts of all the Officers and Soldiers of the Army, now or late under the Command of Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, as well due to them upon Publique Faith, as for their preſent Pay to be Stated, Audited, and caſt up during their Service in this Army, or in any other Service of the Parliament; and to allow and determine of ſuch Accompts, and to give out Debenters accordingly unto the ſaid Officers and Soldiers, and to cauſe a Regiſter to be kept of ſuch Debenters, by ſuch perſon or perſons as they ſhall appoint. And it is further Ordained, That for ſuch Debenters as ſhall be thereupon given out and ſigned by the ſaid Committee, or any three of them, and ſhal be Regiſtred as aforeſaid, the State ſhall be liable to the payment thereof, and ſhall be paid and ſatisfied reſpectively, by warrant from the ſaid Committee, or any five of them, out of ſuch moneys, and other ſecurities as the Parliament hath or ſhall Ordain for thoſe uſes. And it is further Ordained and Declared, That the ſaid Committee ſhall deduct and defalk for Free-quarter, out of the Arrears due to the Officers and Soldiers for their ſervice in this Army, according to the proportions following, *viz.*

From every Horſeman, and Non-Commiſſion Officer of Horſe,	12 d. *per diem.*
From every Dragooner and Non-Commiſſion Officer,	9 d. *per diem.*
From every Foot Soldier, and Non-Commiſſion Officer of Foot,	4 d. *per diem.*

From

From the Officers of the Train of Artillery, and Artificers and Attendants thereunto as followeth; viz.

At 2 s. *per diem*, Gunners,	9 d.	*per diem.*
Matroſſes,	4 d.	
Firelocks,	4 d.	
At 18 d. *per diem* Carters,	6 d.	
Quartermaſter,	12 d.	*per diem* to be deducted.
At 3 s. *per diem*, Gent. of Ordnance,	12 d.	
At 2 s. 6 d. *per diem*, All Officers and Artificers with Horſe,	12 d.	
At 2 s. 6 d. *per diem* Artificers of Foot	9 d.	

From all Officers in Commiſsion, according to the Proportions following; viz.

Officers in Commiſſion of Foot and Train,	¼ Part.
Officers in Commiſſions of Horſe, and Dragoons for themſelves, and Horſe,	⅓ of the pay due to them.
From the Gentlemen of the Life-Guard, and other Perſons, as Deputies, Clerks, Aſſiſtants, Chirurgions Mates,	¼ Part.

Provided always, That if any Officer or Soldier can prove that he hath paid Quarter for more time then the ſpace he hath been paid for, he ſhall have proportionable full pay for ſo much time over. And it is further Ordained and Declared, That the ſaid Committee may imploy ſuch perſons under them in this Service, and may reward and pay them for their pains and travel herein, out of the Receipts appointed for the Army as they ſhall think fit. And it is further Ordained, That the ſaid Committee may

may if they ſhall think fit, adminiſter an Oath to ſuch perſons as they ſhall imploy under them in this Service, for their due & faithful execution of the buſineſs they ſhall be imployed in, according to their beſt skill and judgement; And in caſes of doubt to examine upon Oath if they ſee cauſe. And it is laſtly Ordained, That the Treaſurers at Wars, and Commiſſioners of Muſters, their Deputies and Clerks, ſhall be aiding and aſſiſting, and obedient to the ſaid Committee in the execution of the Premiſes.

Provided always, That if any ſurcharge can be brought upon any particular Accompt within two years after the Debenters are given, that defalkation ſhall be made for ſo much accordingly.

An Ordinance for disbanding and paying of the Soldiery.

Die Veneris, 24 December. 1647.

BE it Ordained, and it is Ordained by the Lords and Commons now aſſembled in Parliament, That all the Forces within this Kingdom and Dominion of *Wales*, above the eſtabliſhment of the Army, ſhall be forthwith disbanded by Order and Warrant from the General: And ſuch of them as have been entertained ſince the ſixth of *Auguſt* laſt, ſhall be disbanded without any money, and the reſt ſhall be paid two moneths pay at their diſbanding, towards their Arrears, and ſhall have their Accompts audited, and Debenters given for the Remainder, or ſhall be paid off by a groſs ſum, as the Commiſſioners hereafter mentioned can agree for.

And to the end the ſame may be done with all convenient

venient ſpeed, the Lords and Commons do further Ordain, That the reſpective Commiſſioners for the Moneth-ly Aſſeſſment of Sixty thouſand pounds, within the ſeveral Counties, Cities, and places of this Kingdom and Dominion of *Wales*, or any three of them, ſhall have Power and Authority, and are hereby authorized and required, to ſtate, audite and caſt up, or cauſe to be ſtated, audited and caſt up, by ſuch perſons as they ſhall appoint for that purpoſe, the Accompts of ſuch Officers and Soldiers, as well due on Publique Faith, as for their preſent pay, as are to be disbanded in their reſpective Counties and Cities, and of ſuch Officers as had the command of ſuch Regiments, Troops or Companies, ſince the firſt of *Auguſt* laſt paſt, and give Debenters accordingly; And that the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners in their ſeveral Counties, ſhall cauſe a Regiſter to be kept of ſuch Debenters, and ſhall certifie a duplicate thereof under their hands, to the Committee of the Army. And it is further Ordained, That for ſuch Debenter as ſhall be thereupon given out, and ſigned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any three of them, and ſhall be regiſtred and certified as aforeſaid, the State ſhall be liable to the payment thereof, and ſhall be paid and ſatisfied reſpectively, by Warrant from the Committee of the Army or any five of them, out of ſuch Moneys and other Securities as the Parliament hath or ſhall ordain for thoſe uſes; and alſo the ſaid two Moneths pay, or the Sum in Groſs above mentioned, ſhall be paid by Warrant from the ſaid Committee or any five of them, out of the ſaid Aſſeſſments.

And it is further Ordained and Declared, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall deduct and defalk for Free-quarter, but of the Arrears due to the Officers and Soldiers for their ſervice, according to the proportions following; *viz.*

From

From every Horſe-man, and non-Commiſſion officer of Horſe, } 12 d. *per diem.*

From every Dragooner and non-Commiſſion Officer, } 9 d. *per diem.*

From every Foot Soldier, and non-Commiſſion Officer of Foot, } 4 d. *per diem.*

From the Officers of the Train of Artillery, and Artificers, and Attendants thereunto as followeth; viz.

At 2 s. *per diem* Gunners, 9 d. } *per diem* to be *deducted.*
Matroſſes, 4 d. }
Firelocks, 4 d. }

At 18 d. *per diem,* Carters, 6 d. } *per diem* to be *deducted.*
Quartermaſters 12 d. }
At 3 s. *per diem,* Gent. of Ordn. 12. d. }
At 2 s. 6 d. *per diem,* all Officers and Artificers with Horſe, } 12 d. }
At 2 s. 6 d. *per diem,* Artificers of foot, 9 d }

From all Officers in Commiſſion, according to the Proportions following; viz.

Officers in Commiſſion of Foot and Train, ¼ Part,

Officers in Commiſſion of Horſe and Dragoons for themſelves and Horſe, } ⅓ Part of the Pay due to them.

From the Gentlemen of the Life-Guard, and other Perſons and Deputies, Clerks, Aſſiſtants, Chirurgions Mates, } ¼ Part.

Provided

Provided always, that if any ſurcharge can be brought upon particular Accompt within two years after the Debenters are given, that Defalkation ſhall be made for ſo much accordingly.

Inſtructions for a Comptrol upon the Accompts of all Monies to be received and paid by or to the Treaſurers appointed by this preſent Ordinance.

I.

That the Comptroller by himſelf, or his ſufficient Deputies, attend daily according to the uſual times, and be preſent at all receipts and payments, made within the ſaid Treaſurers Office, and make Duplicates or Entries of the ſame in fitting books, to be provided and kept for that purpoſe.

II.

That every Tenant of the Premiſes, or any part thereof, and every Purchaſer of the Premiſes, or any part thereof, upon every payment of any ſum of moneys that he ſhall make to the Treaſurer, ſhall enter his acquittance with the Comptroller, which the Comptroller ſhall enter without fee.

III.

That the ſaid Treaſurers or their Clerk to the Caſh, ſhall weekly upon every Munday morning deliver the Comptroller or his Deputy, a Copy of all Receipts, Payments and Diſburſements, and to whom, during the preceding week; which the Comptroller is hereby required to enter in a book to be kept for that purpoſe; and that no payment to be made by the ſaid Treaſurers, ſhall be allowed upon their Accompt, unleſs an Accompt thereof be weekly given as aforeſaid.

IV.

That the Regiſter ſhall weekly from time to time make certificate to the Comptroller of all Rents, and of all Rates of particulars, and of all moneys payable upon any ſuch particulars, Contracts or Bargains, made by vertue of this Ordinance, which ſhall be forborn upon ſecurity, and how, and by whom the ſame is ſecured, and at what time payable; which Certificate the Comptroller ſhall enter in a book, to be by him kept for that purpoſe.

Inſtructions for Contractors for the ſale of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops Lands.

Contractors Oath.

THat the Contractors ſhall be ſworn before the Truſtees, or any three of them, *according to their beſt skill and knowledge, faithfully to diſcharge the truſt committed to them, and that they ſhall not for favor, affection, reward or hope of reward, break the ſame truſt*; which ſaid Truſtees or any three of them, are hereby Authorized to adminiſter the ſaid Oath accordingly.

That the Demeſne Lands of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops in poſſeſſion, ſhall not be ſold under ten years purchaſe, of the full values they were at in the year 1641. The ſame rule to be obſerved proportionably in the ſale of reverſions, expectant upon Eſtates for lives or years.

Due reſpect.

That the due reſpect to be had by the Contractors to the immediate Tenants, of any of the late Archbiſhops or Biſhops, ſhall be in admitting them to the pre-emption of thoſe Manors, Lands, Tenements & Hereditaments wherein they have any intereſt, ſo as the ſaid Tenants do come within thirty days after the return of the certificates by the Surveyors, and agree to purchaſe the ſame; and in caſe they do

do not agree within the ſaid thirty days, that then the Contractors do ſell the ſame to any other perſon or perſons that ſhall deſire to purchaſe them, ſo as ſuch ſale be made at a higher rate then was offred by the ſaid Tenants.

That upon the ſealing of the Aſſurance, the Purchaſer ſhall pay half his Purchaſe-money down, and the other half within ſix moneths; and for the laſt payment the Contractors ſhall take care, that they take good ſecurity either by the Land it ſelf, or elſe by perſonal ſecurity. The ſame ſecurity to be given to the Treaſurers. Security to the Treaſurers

That in all caſes where any perſon or perſons, that have lent any monies upon this Ordinance ſhall be Purchaſers, their monies ſo lent, ſhall be eſteemed as ſo much paid towards their Purchaſe, if it exceed not the moyety of the purchaſe-money; and for what exceeds the moyety, that every ſuch Purchaſer ſhall be allowed intereſt for it until the end of ſix moneths, wherein the remainder or total of the Purchaſe-money is to be paid.

Inſtructions for the Surveyors of the late Arch-Biſhops and Biſhops Lands, which are to be ſurveyed.

THat the Truſtees as aforeſaid ſhall have power to nominate one, two, three, or more Surveyors to ſurvey the Premiſes or any part of them, as they ſhall think fit, and that the ſurveys and returns made by any ſuch one, two, three, or more Surveyors, ſhall be good and effectual to be proceeded upon, notwithſtanding any Clauſe in any Ordinance of Parliament to the contrary. 1, 2, 3. or more Surveyors.

That the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed or to be appointed by the Truſtees, ſhal ſurvey and inquire what Timber-buildings, open Quarries, or Mines are upon any of the

Premiſes, and certifie the condition and values thereof.

Surveyors not to be purchaſers.

That no Surveyor, or any his childe or children, or any in truſt for him or them, ſhall be admitted to be a Purchaſer of any part of the Lands ſurveyed, or to be ſurveyed by himſelf, upon pain of loſing his or their Purchaſe-money, and the Purchaſe to be void.

Admeaſurement.

Provided, that nothing in the Inſtructions, Oath, or in this preſent Ordinance, ſhall be conſtrued to compel the Surveyors to make any admeaſurement of the Lands, or any particular Survey of the number of Acres, unleſs they in their diſcretion ſhall think fit; the intention of the Houſes being, That the ſaid Surveyors ſhould make a ſpeedy return of their ſeveral ſurveys, to the end that a ſpeedy ſale may be made thereupon.

Inſtructions to be obſerved by the Regiſter.

I.

To receive and regiſter all ſurveys.

THat he do receive all Surveys and Certificate to be returned by the Surveyors, and immediately after the receipt thereof, fairly enter and Regiſter the ſame in Books, to be kept by him for that purpoſe, and in an orderly maner file, bundle up, and ſafely lay up, and keep the Originals.

II.

And certifie them to the Contractors.

That he do weekly or oftner certifie unto the Contractors, what Surveys and Certificate are returned to him, and of what Manors, or otherwiſe as the caſe ſhall require.

III.

And make forth particulars.

That upon Warrant and Direction from the Contractors, he do make forth, and fairly ingroſs in Parchment, particulars of all ſuch Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Buildings, Woods, or other things ſurveyed.

veyed and certified into his Office by the Surveyors, whereupon the Contractors are to proceed, or intend to make any sale, and that he do examine and sign the same particulars, and deliver them to the Contractors.

IV.

That upon Contract or Agreement made by the Contractors, for any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Buildings, Woods, or other thing contained in any particular made forth, signed and delivered unto them by the Register, the said particular be returned to the Register, together with the Order of Agreement or Contract made with the Purchaser thereupon. Particulars to be returned to the Register.

That upon return thereof, he do forthwith rate the particular, and ascertain the Purchase-money, how much it comes to, at how many years Purchase the particulars contracted for are sold, and enter the same upon the said particular, together with such other proceedings as shall be required by the Contaact. Rating the particulars.

That he do return the particular thus rated and ascertained to the Contractors, who are to sign the same, to attest the Agreement, and thereupon to desire and give Warrant to the Trustees to draw up and seal conveyances thereof to the Purchasers accordingly. The Trustees to draw up and seal Conveyances.

That all particulars thus finished, together with all proceedings thereupon, be fairly entred or Registred by the Register, and be safely kept by him as Records; and that after such entring and registring thereof, the Register do deliver the said particulars unto the Trustees, to perfect the sale as aforesaid. Particulars to be registred delivered to the Trustees.

And to the end this Service may be performed in such maner as the Register may be able from time to time to give an accompt of all proceedings (if he shall be required) to the Parliament, himself, or one of his Deputies, Register or his Deputy to attend the Contractors.

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are to attend upon, and enter all Orders and Proceedings before the Contractors.

Certificate to the Treasurers of Rents and Moneys payable.

That he do weekly make Certificate to the Treasurers, Comptroller and Registe Accomptant of all Rents, and all Rates of particulars, and of all Moneys payable upon any Contract upon any particular, how much thereof is to be paid in hand, and how much to be forborn, and for what time, and how, and in what maner the sum or sums to be forborn are to be secured.

To methodize writings.

That he do methodize and put in good order all Charters, Evidences and Writings, belonging to the late Archbishops and Bishops, and all Books of Survey, and other things to be delivered to his care & custody, to be kept by him as Records, & make Catalogues of them, and fit them in such maner, as the Subject may readily see, and have copies (if he desire it) of whatsoever shall be brought into the Registers Office, and be under his charge and custody.

Die Veneris, 5 Martii, 1646.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For the better Explaining and Executing of the former Ordinances for the sale of Bishops Lands.

Recital of the Contractors Instructions in the former Ordinance of the 16. of *Novemb.* 1646.

WHereas by Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, made the sixteenth day of *November, Anno Dom.* 1646. among other Instructions for the Contractors in the said Ordinance named, it is Ordained that the Demesn Lands of the late Archbishops and Bishops shall not be sold under ten years purchase of the full values they

they were at in the year 1641. The ſame rule to be obſerved proportionably in the ſale of Reverſions expectant upon Eſtates for lives or years. The ſaid Lords and Commons do hereby Declare and Ordain, that the ſaid full value upon which the ſaid Contractors ſhal procceed to ſale, ſhall be according to ſuch particulars as ſhall be made and delivered to the ſaid Contractors, under the hand of *Henry Elſynge* Regiſter, in the ſaid Ordinance named, and that ſuch particulars ſo made and delivered to them, ſhall be a ſufficient juſtification for them to proceed to ſale accordingly. And further that the ſaid Regiſter ſhall cauſe one faithful, able and ſufficient Clerk to be attending on the ſaid Contractors at all their meetings, and to enter all their Orders and Proceedings, and to obſerve and obey all ſuch commands and directions concerning the premiſes, as they or any ſix or more of them ſhall direct and appoint. And that the ſaid Books of Entries ſhall remain in the cuſtody of the ſaid contractors, or ſuch of them as they or the major part of them ſhall appoint. Provided that no copies of the ſaid Entries be made, had or taken out of the ſaid Books by any others then the ſaid Regiſter or his Deputy, or the ſaid Clerk, who are to have the uſe of them for that purpoſe. And that the ſaid Regiſter and his Deputy, and the ſaid Clerk, ſhall ſeverally and reſpectively take an Oath before the Truſtees or any three of them (which they are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter to them accordingly) to execute the ſaid reſpective offices and places according to the Ordinances and Inſtructions of both Houſes of Parliament in that behalf made, and not for any fear, favor, malice or reward, to violate the ſaid reſpective truſts in them repoſed. And whereas by the afore-recited Ordinances it is ordained, That the ſaid Contractors ſhall receive two pence in the pound for every ſum that ſhall be paid

The Contractors to proceed to ſale according to ſuch particulars as ſhall be delivered to th m by the Regiſter:

And the Regiſter to appoint a Clerk to attend the Contractors, and to enter all Orders.

No copies of Entries to be made by any but the Regiſter or his Clerk.

The Oath of the Regiſter and his Deputy and Clerk.

The Contractors to have two pence *per* pound, for all ſuch Lands as ſhall be contracted for, and ſold.

paid to the Treaſurers upon all and every contract or contracts by them made, the ſaid Lords and Commons do hereby Declare and Ordain, that they ſhall in ſtead thereof, receive two pence in the pound for all ſuch Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops which ſhall be contracted for and ſold by them, according to the rates for which they ſhall be ſold. And further the ſaid Lords and Commons do hereby Declare and Ordain, that all ſuch who have advanced and lent moneys upon the aforeſaid recited Ordinance, ſhall be allowed and have all the ſame advantages and benefits for, and concerning any Moneys otherwiſe due unto them by the afore-recited Ordinance, as fully and amply, to all intents and purpoſes whatſoever, as for and concerning any ready Moneys lent and advanced upon the ſaid Ordinance.

All perſons which have lent moneys ſhall have like advantage for all other moneys due by the Ordinance as for the moneys lent.

Die Jovis, 2 Decembr. 1647.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, *For removing Obſtructions in the ſale of Biſhops Lands.*

THe Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for the more ſpeedy ſale of the Manors, Lands, and Poſſeſſions of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops, and removal of ſeveral Obſtructions which hinder the ſale thereof, Do Ordain and Declare, and be it Ordained and Declared by the authority aforeſaid, That the Contractors appointed by Ordinance of Parliament of the 16 of *November* 1646. to contract for, and ſell the ſaid Lands and Poſſeſſions, or any five of them, are hereby appointed, authorized and impowered to peruſe all Surveys returned and to be returned of the ſaid Lands and poſſeſſions, and

and to amend upon due proof made before them upon Oath, all miſtakes in Miſnoſmer of any perſon or perſons, places or things; And likewiſe without Oath to amend all other miſpriſions in miſcaſting the total of any particular ſums of money, or number of Acres, or ſuch other like miſtakes. And alſo to make ſuch amendments in Surveys returned, and to inſert ſuch words of courſe in Particulars or Conveyances as they ſhall think fit and neceſſary, to paſs ſuch Eſtates as they ſhall Contract for to the Purchaſers, according to the true intent and meaning of the Contracts which they ſhall make; And to order and direct the reſpective Surveyors for review or amendment of any Surveys returned, as they ſhall ſee cauſe: And alſo to adde by way of ſupplement, Certificates of any Eſtates or Intereſts which ſhall be made appear to them in maner and form hereafter expreſſed: To which end and purpoſe, Be it further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That all and every perſon and perſons who claim or pretend any Intereſt or Eſtate in any of the ſaid Lands and Poſſeſſions, or any Annuity, Rentcharge, or other charge iſſuing out of the ſame, and have not made their claims, produced their evidences, or otherwiſe made their Eſtates and Intereſts appear to the reſpective Surveyors of the Lands and Tenements out of which they claim ſuch Eſtates, before the return of their reſpective Surveys, (notice and warning being given by the ſaid Surveyors, according to the Inſtructions of both Houſes of Parliament in that behalf) ſhall, and are hereby required within forty days next after publication of this Ordinance, in ſuch maner as is hereafter expreſſed, or return of their reſpective Surveys, to make their claims, or produce and ſhew forth their Evidences, or otherwiſe make their Eſtates and Intereſts appear to the ſaid Contractors

The Contractors to amend Surveys.

And to inſert words of courſe in particulars and Conveyances.

And to direct the Surveyors to review and amend.

And to adde Certificates of Eſtates.

Thoſe who claim any Eſtate or Rent, &c. and have not made the ſame to appear to the Surveyors, are to make their claims or ſhew their evidences, or make their Eſtates appear upon Oath to the Contractors within forty days.

tractors upon Oath of one or more credible witneſſes. And alſo all other perſons claiming any ſuch Intereſt, Eſtate, Annuity or Rent-charge, who ſhall not make their Claims, produce their Evidence, or otherwiſe make their Intereſts and Eſtates appear to the Surveyors of the Lands and Tenements out of which they claim ſuch Eſtates and Annuities, or Rents-charge, before the return of their reſpective Certificate, ſhall and are hereby required within Forty days next after the publication of this Ordinance as aforeſaid, or return of the ſaid reſpective Certificates, make their Claims, or produce and ſhew forth their Evidences, or otherwiſe make their Eſtates and Intereſts appear to the ſaid Contractors by Oaths aforeſaid; which Oath and Oathes the ſaid Contractors, or any five of them are hereby Authorized from time to time to adminſter. And (in caſe default be made by any ſuch perſon in making their ſaid Claims, or Eſtates, or Intereſts, to appear in maner and form aforeſaid) That then all and every ſuch perſon and perſons for failing, ſhall forfeit and loſe their reſpective Intereſts, Eſtates, Annuities and Rents-charge; and the Lands and Tenements out of which they ſhall claim the ſame, ſhall and may be ſold as in poſſeſſion, in like maner as other the Lands and Poſſeſſions of the ſaid Archbiſhops and Biſhops. And be it Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That it be, and is hereby left to the judgement and diſcretion of the ſaid Contractors, or any five of them, to ſell any Caſtles, Palaces, or other Houſes, parcel of the Lands and Poſſeſſions aforeſaid, at ſuch rates and prices as they ſhall conceive moſt conducing to the advantage and benefit of the Commonwealth, though at lower rates then their materials are valued by the ſurveys returned thereof. And be it further Ordained, That (in caſe any ſu

The Contractors or five of them to adminiſter an Oath.

For forfeiture of Eſtates not made to appear in maner aforeſaid.

The Contractors may ſell Biſhops houſes at lower rates then they are valued at by the Surveyors.

ſuit ſhall hereafter be commenced by any perſon or perſons for recovery or eviction of any part or parcel of the Lands or Poſſeſſions of any the ſaid late Archbiſhops and Biſhops aforeſaid) the Truſtees aforeſaid, or any five or more of them be, and are hereby authorized and inabled at the publique charge, to defend the ſaid ſuit, and to make good the Rent returned by the Survey during ſuch ſuit: And (in caſe of eviction of any part or parcel of the ſaid Lands or Poſſeſſions) to give warrant to the Treaſurers to repay unto ſuch perſon or perſons from whom ſuch Land or Eſtate ſhall be evicted, the moneys by him advanced for ſuch purchaſe, together with ſuch neceſſary diſburſements as he or they have laid out by reaſon of the ſaid ſuit; which Warrant ſhall be ſufficient to the Treaſurers in that behalf to pay and ſatisfie the ſame. And it is alſo Ordained, That if after the ſale of any of the Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of the late Archbiſhops or Biſhops, the reſpective Purchaſers thereof ſhall make complaint unto the Truſtees, or any five of them, that the reſpective premiſes by them purchaſed, are charged with, or lyable to the payment of any Rents, Annuities, Charges, Boots, Boons, Payments, Iſſues or Profits whatſoever unto any Steward, Auditor, Receiver, Bailiff, Officer, Tenant or other perſon whatſoever, which have not been formerly reprized and defalked to the ſaid Purchaſers upon their reſpective Purchaſes of the premiſes; That then the ſaid Truſtees, or any five of them, ſhall ſearch out, hear, examine and aſcertain the ſame; and thereupon certifie the ſaid Rents, Annuities, Charges, Boots, Boons, Payments, Iſſues or Profits to the Contractors, or any five of them; whereupon the ſaid Contractors, or any five of them, ſhall allow unto the ſaid reſpective Purchaſers of the

The Truſtees to defend all ſuits.

And to make good the rent in the Survey. And if any be evicted, the Treaſurers to repay the purchaſe money, with coſts of ſuit.

If after ſale the Purchaſers complain of any rents, charges, &c. which have not been repriſed, the Truſtees ſhall examine and aſcertain the ſame, and certifie the ſaid rents, &c. to the Contractors, or five of them, who are to allow for the ſame by way of repriſal and certifie the ſame to the Treaſurers.

Premiſes by way of repriſal ratebly and proportionably, according to ſuch rates as they paid or contracted for the ſaid Purchaſed premiſes; and ſhall accordingly aſcertain and certifie the ſame to the reſpective Treaſurers for the ſale of Biſhops Lands, or any two of them, who are hereby Required and Authorized to defalk out of the Moyety unpaid in, or to pay unto the ſaid reſpective Purchaſers, according to ſuch Certificate, the reſpective ſums ſo to be repriſed as is aforeſaid, with intereſt after the rate of Eight pounds *per centum*, to be accounted from the time of the payment of their Purchaſe-money out of the Money which they ſhall have in their Treaſury: And in caſe at the time of the preſenting ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid, the ſaid Treaſurers have not Money enough in Caſh to ſatisfie the ſame, then they are hereby enjoyned to make payment thereof out of the firſt Moneys which ſhall come in to their ſaid Treaſury, or be received by them or any other by their appointment; and are not to pay or appoint to be paid any other ſum of Money whatſoever, until ſuch Repriſals aforeſaid be firſt ſatisfied and paid. And the Warrant of the ſaid Truſtees, together with the Receipt of the ſaid Purchaſer or Purchaſers, ſhall be to the ſaid Treaſurers a ſufficient diſcharge. And the ſaid Truſtees, or any five of them, are hereby Authorized and Required to cauſe this preſent Ordinance to be Printed, and ſo ſend Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties of the Kingdom of ENGLAND and Dominion of WALES, where any of the Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Poſſeſſions of the ſaid Archbiſhops or Biſhops are; which ſaid Sheriffs reſpectively are hereby required to publiſh the ſame in their County-Courts,

The Treaſurers to defalk or pay to the Purchaſer, according to the Contractors Certificate with intereſt.

The warrant of the Truſtees, with the Purchaſers Receipt, ſhall be a diſcharge to the Treaſurers.

Printing and publiſhing this Ordinance.

Courts, the next County-Court day after they ſhall receive the ſame: and alſo in open Market in the Shire-Town the next Market day after the receipt thereof: And ſhall certifie the day and place of the publication made as aforeſaid to the ſaid Truſtees, within Twenty days after the ſame ſhall be publiſhed. And be it laſtly Ordained, that this preſent Ordinance ſhall be valid according to the tenor and true meaning thereof, Any former or other Ordinance or Ordinances concerning the ſale of the Lands and poſſeſſions of the ſaid late Archbiſhops and Biſhops, or any clauſe, article or thing in them or any of them contained to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Sheriffs to certifie the publication.

This Ordinance to be valid *non obſtante* any former Ordinance.

Joh: Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

Die Jovis, 23 Martii, 1649.

An Additional Ordinance of the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, for the Explanation and better Execution of former Ordinances for the ſale of the Lands and Poſſeſſions of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops within the Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*.

TO prevent all further delays and neglects in paying in moneys, and perfecting Conveyances by ſuch who have contracted for Biſhops Lands; It is Ordered and Ordained by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, That all and every ſuch perſon or perſons, who have contracted, or ſhall hereafter contract for any Lands,

Lands, Poſſeſſions, or Hereditaments of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops; And according to an Ordinance of the three and twentieth of *September*, 1647. have obtained or ſhall obtain from any five or more of the Contractors for ſale of the ſaid Lands, any certificate of allowance of any reaſonable cauſe ſhewed, or to be ſhewed by him or them, for his or their not proſecuting and perfecting their reſpective conveyances upon their contracts, and ſhall neglect within the time limited by the ſaid Contractors certificate, to procure his or their reſpective Conveyances from the Truſtees for ſale of the ſaid Lands, ſhall forfeit the third part of the whole moneys payable upon his or their reſpective Contracts; unleſs he or they ſhall within that time, upon good cauſe ſhewn, procure from five or more of the ſaid Contractors, a new certificate for further time to perfect his or their conveyances, and likewiſe pay in the moyety of the purchaſe money, (or ſo much as the ſame ſhall be eſtimated by the Regiſter, in caſe it cannot be aſcertained) at ſuch time as the ſaid Contractors certificate ſhall appoint; And likewiſe agree to pay the ſecond moyety within ſix moneths after ſuch payment of the firſt: Provided, That if the aforementioned eſtimate of the moyety of the purchaſe money paid in as aforeſaid, ſhall upon caſting up of the Rates appear to be more or leſs then the true moyety of the ſaid purchaſe money; that then there ſhall be ſuch abatement or addition out of, or unto the ſecond payment, as ſhall reduce and bring it to the juſt moyety. And it is Ordered and Ordained, That the forfeitures of all ſuch perſons who have any moneys ſecured unto them by any of the Ordinances for the ſale of Biſhops Lands, ſhall be wholly defalked by the Treaſurers out of ſuch moneys, if ſufficient to ſatisfie the ſame; if not, then

Such as have obtained from the contractors an allowance of a cauſe ſhewed for not perfecting their Conveyances, and ſhal neglect within the time limited by the Contractors to procure their Conveyance, ſhall forfeit a third part of their moneys unleſs within that time they procure a new certificate for further time, and alſo pay in a moyety of their purchaſe money.

Forfeitures to be defalked out of the moneys ſecured by the Ordinances, if ſufficient to ſatisfie ſuch as have no moneys on the ſaid ſecurity.

then the ſaid Treaſurers are to detain ſo much as is due unto them upon the ſaid ſecurity to be raiſed; and the reſidue of the ſaid moneys ſo forfeited, as is directed by this Ordinance: and ſuch perſon or perſons who have no moneys on the ſaid ſecurity, and notwithſtanding have contracted or ſhall contract for the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, but have not perfected his or their conveyances according to the ſaid Ordinance of Parliament, his or their forfeiture ſhall likewiſe be levied as is directed by this preſent Ordinance. And it is further Ordered and Ordained, That ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall incur or make any forfeiture by reaſon of the aforeſaid, or this preſent Ordinance, ſhall pay in to the ſaid Treaſurers his or their moneys ſo forfeited, or ſo much of it as is unſatisfied, within ten days next after ſuch forfeiture made: And in caſe the ſame be not paid in to the ſaid Treaſurers within the time before limited; the ſaid Treaſurers, or any two of them, are hereby required under their hands to certifie ſuch neglects of Non-payment unto five or more of the ſaid Contractors of the ſaid Lands within three days next after ſuch default made; and after ſuch Certificate made, the ſaid Contractors, or any five or more of them are hereby required and enjoyned to make certificates under five or more of their hands, of the ſum or ſums of money forfeited as aforeſaid, unto the reſpective Committees or Commiſſioners for Sequeſtration in the ſeveral and reſpective counties and places within the Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, where ſuch perſon or perſons forfeiting as aforeſaid, have or hath any real or perſonal eſtate. And it is further Ordered, Ordained and Declared by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid reſpective Committees or Commiſſioners for Sequeſtration, ſhall, and are hereby authorized and required upon

Forfeitures to be paid within ten days. If not, the Treaſurers to certifie the default to the Contractors within three days after ſuch default, which the contractors are to certifie to the Committees of Sequeſtrations.

Committees of Sequeſtration to ſeize the real and perſonal Eſtate of the perſons making forfeitures, and the ſame to detain 10 dys.

upon Receipt of ſuch certificate from the ſaid Contractors, to ſeize, Sequeſter, and ſecure the real and perſonal Eſtate of ſuch perſon or perſons ſo forfeiting as aforeſaid; and the ſame to detain in their cuſtody, without ſale or diſpoſal thereof for the ſpace of ten days; provided that if the perſon or perſons ſo ſequeſtred, do pay or cauſe to be paid in to the ſaid Treaſurers, his or their forfeitures within the ſaid ten days, that then upon certificate from the ſaid Treaſurers or any two of them, to the reſpective Committees or Commiſſioners of the payment thereof, the ſaid Committees or Commiſſioners for Sequeſtrations, are to diſcharge the Sequeſtration of the ſaid real and perſonal Eſtate of ſuch perſon or perſons. And it is further Ordained, That in caſe ſuch perſon or perſons forfeiting as aforeſaid, do not ſatisfie or pay in his or their forfeitures within the ſaid ten days, that then the ſaid Committees or Commiſſioners are hereby required and authorized to levy and raiſe ſuch ſum or ſums certified unto them as aforeſaid, by ſale of the goods, and Receipts of the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits of the Lands of ſuch perſon or perſons; and after the ſum certified as aforeſaid is raiſed, the ſaid Lands, and reſidue of the ſaid goods unſold, are to be diſcharged of the Sequeſtration. And it is further Ordained, That all the ſaid forfeitures ſhall be paid in by the reſpective Committees or Commiſſioners to the ſaid Treaſurers, to be diſpoſed of for ſuch purpoſes as are appointed by the Ordinance of the Sixteenth of *November*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſix, as the Truſtees, or any five or more of them ſhall by their Warrant under their hands direct, which they are hereby authorized to do; and ſuch their warrant, together with the parties Acquittance, to whom the ſame ſhall be paid, according to ſuch Warrant, ſhall be a ſufficient

Within which time if the forfeiture be paid the ſequeſtration to be diſcharged. If the forfeitures be not paid within ten days after ſequeſtration, the forfeitures are to be levied by ſale of goods and receipt of rents.

All forfeitures to be paid to the Treaſurers

cient discharge to the Treasurers in that behalf. And it is further Ordained, That after such forfeiture incurred, it may and shall be lawful for any five or more of the Contractors to contract for and sell all or any of the said Lands, so contracted for, and not prosecuted, to any other person or persons, notwithstanding the former contract, as if it never had been made (any former Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.) And it is lastly Ordained, That the Trustees for the said Lands do forthwith send this Ordinance to the respective Sheriffs of the several Counties, Cities, and Boroughs in the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion *Wales*, who are hereby required to publish this present Ordinance in the chief Market Towns of the said County, the next Market day after the Receipt thereof; And the day of the publication thereof to certifie to the said Trustees.

After the forfeiture incurred the Contractors may sell the Lands to any other.

This Ordinance to be sent to all Sheriffs to be published.

Die Martis, 21 *Novemb.* 1648.

An Ordinance of Parliament enabling a Committee of Lords and Commons to to remove Obstructions in the sale of the Lands of the late Archbishops and Bishops.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, taking into their consideration the many Obstructions that have and do daily happen in and about the sale of the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, of the late Arch-bishops and Bishops: And

how neceſſary it is to free the Kingdom from ſo great a debt with which it ſtands charged until the ſaid Lands be ſold: Do hereby Declare and Ordain, That *Algernon* Earl of *Northumberland*, *Henry* Earl of *Kent*, *Philip* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, *Charls* Earl of *Notingham*, *William* Earl of *Salisbury*, *Baſil* Earl of *Denbigh*, *Edward* Earl of *Mancheſter*, *Edmund* Earl of *Mulgrave*, *William* Lord *Gray* of *Wark*, *Edward* Lord *Mountague*, *Edward* Lord *Howard* of *Eſcrick*, Mr. *Prin*, Sir *William Lewis*, Mr. *John Aſh*, Sir *Dudley North*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Drake*, Col: *Purefoy*, Col: *Copley*, Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Wheeler*, Mr. *Gewen*, Mr. *Miles Corbet*, Mr. *Reynolds*, Mr. *Edward Aſh*, Mr. *Scot*, Mr. *Blakiſton*, Col: *White*, Sir *Robert Harley*, Mr. *Francis Allen*, Col: *Harvey*, Col: *Ven*, and Sir *Harbottle Grimſton*, or any five or more of them, ſhall be, and are hereby conſtituted a Committee of Parliament for the regulating and removing of obſtructions which ſhall appear unto them, or any five or more of them, or be preſented unto them as aforeſaid, by the Contractors, or any five or more of them, or by the Truſtees, or any five or more of them, or by the Treaſurers, or any two of them, or by the Comptroller of the ſaid premiſes, in the clearing the ſtate of the ſaid debt, and in the ſale and ſpeedy perfecting of the Conveyances of the ſaid premiſes, and for the clearing of any doubts which have or ſhal ariſe upon any clauſe or word in any of the Ordinances for the ſale or conveying any of the ſaid premiſes to any perſon or perſons as they ſhall conceive meet, ſo as the ſaid premiſes in poſſeſſion, nor any part thereof, be ſold under the rates limited by former Ordinances of Parliament, nor Reverſions upon Leaſes for lives or years, under the rates expreſſed in the Ordinance of Parliament dated the ſeventeenth day of *March*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven. And

The names of the Committee.

The Committee are to remove Obſtructions which ſhall appear to them or any five of them, or be preſented to them by the Contractors or any five of them, or the Truſtees, or five of them, or the Treaſurers, or any two of them, or the Comptroller.

And to clear doubts ariſing upon any clauſe or word in any of the Ordinances for ſale or conveyance of Biſhops Lands.

if it ſhall appear upon the ſurvey, or by proof upon Oath, which the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, (whereof one to be a Peer) are hereby authorized to adminiſter, That any Tenant or Tenants or others, by the Cuſtom of any Manor or place, have or hath any Cuſtom, Cuſtoms or Priviledge, which in the purchaſe of the premiſes ought to be conſidered, and allowance made unto the Purchaſer in his Purchaſe for the ſame, The ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to certifie the Cuſtom proved as aforeſaid to the Regiſter, who is thereupon to make out a particular, upon which the Contractors ſhall and may proceed to ſell or make allowance unto the Purchaſer, and the Truſtees to convey, as if the ſame had been expreſſed in the Survey. And where any complaint ſhall be made by any Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or others, of any irregularity or exactions of Fees by any Officer or Clerk now imployed, or hereafter to be imployed in, about or concerning the premiſes; The ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to examine, allow, appoint, remove and regulate ſuch Fees, Charges and Officers not already limited and appointed by Ordinance of Parliament; and alſo appoint ſuch Officers or others, imployed or to be imployed about or concerning the ſame, as they ſhall think fit and neceſſary. And after allowance of ſuch Officers Fee or Charges certified by the ſaid Committee to the Truſtees or any five or more of them, they ſhall and may make out a Warrant or Warrants from time to time to the Treaſurers for the paying of the ſame, which the Treaſurers ſhall, and are hereby authorized to pay accordingly, and the parties receipt to whom the moneys are ſo aſſigned, ſhall be to them a ſufficient diſcharge: Provided, That this ſhall not take away any power the Truſtees, Contractors or

An Oath to be taken by five of this Committee, whereof one to be a Peer.

If it appear that any Tenant or other ought to have any cuſtom or priviledge, the Committee are to certifie the ſame to the Regiſter, who is thereupon to make out a particular, upon which the Contractors may proceed, &c.

Exactions of Fees by any Officer or Clerk.

The Committee to appoint and allow Officers and Fees

The Truſtees to give Warrants for payment of them.

Proviſo for Officers nominated by the Truſtees, Treaſurers and Contractors.

Treaſurers by Ordinance of Parliament have in the nomination of their Officers; and alſo to aſcertain, and allow out of the premiſes or profits thereof to any Officers or others, who have Fees, Rents, Annuities or other charges as ſhall appear to be juſtly due by any lawful grant from any of the Arch-biſhops or Biſhops; and if any doubt or difference ſhall ariſe among the Truſtees, Contractors, Treaſurers, Comptroller or any of them, or any others imployed in or about the ſaid premiſes, or any of them, or any part thereof, or any thing concerning the ſame; That the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, upon information thereof by them or any of them, ſhal call before them ſuch perſon or perſons, and ſhal hear, examine, ſettle, and determine the ſame, and ſuch order, direction, and determination, as they ſhall make, ſhall be the rule by which ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall proceed therein; and they are hereby authorized and enjoyned to proceed accordingly; And if any perſon or perſons whatſoever, have in his or their cuſtody, or hereafter ſhall have the Poſſeſſion of any Writings, Evidences, Charters, counterparts of Leaſes, Rent Rolls, Records, Leadger Books, or any other thing or things of or belonging to the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, which by force or vertue of any Ordinance or Ordinances of Parliament have been veſted, ſetled, or ought to be, or have been in the poſſeſſion of the foreſaid Truſtees, Regiſter, his or their aſſigns, or any purchaſer or purchaſers thereof, their heirs or aſſigns, or belonging unto him or them, or have ſince the firſt of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty and ſix, or hereafter ſhall waſte, ſpoil, receive, take or detain any of the Caſtles, Houſes, Buildings, Woods, Underwoods, Rents, Iſſues, and profits of the ſaid premiſes, and ſhall refuſe to yield obedience to all or any Ordinance

And to aſcertain and allow to Officers or others, who have Fees, Rents or Charges, due by grant from any Biſhop.

Doubts and differences ariſing among the Truſtees, Contractors, Treaſurers, Comptroller to be determined by this Committee.

If any perſon have any Writings or Evidences, &c. belonging to the premiſes.

Or have waſted, received, or detained any houſes, woods, rents, &c. And ſhall refuſe obedience to the Orders of this Committee concerning the ſame.

dinance of Parliament touching the premiſes, and to ſuch further orders, directions, and determinations of the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, ſhall make of, and concerning the ſame; That then the ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to ſummon before them, or any five or more of them, ſuch perſon or perſons, and if he or they ſhall refuſe to appear upon ſummons, then to ſend for him or them in ſafe cuſtody, and to hear and examine him or them, and likewiſe to ſend for Papers, Writings, Evidences, Records, and Witneſſes touching the ſame, and to examine witneſſes upon oath, which the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to adminiſter, and thereupon to determine the ſame, and to aſſeſs damages upon the perſon or perſons ſo offending, ſo as the ſaid damages do not exceed ſuch damage as is proved upon Oath as aforeſaid, the purchaſer or purchaſers, or the eſtate have or hath ſuſtained by ſuch entry, detainer, waſte, or ſpoil, and the party or parties ſo offending, are hereby required to pay ſuch damages as ſhall be given the State, unto the ſaid Treaſurers, and to the Purchaſer or Purchaſer of the ſaid premiſes, ſuch damages as ſhall be given him or them reſpectively, within fourteen days after judgement given as aforeſaid, or elſe to give ſufficient ſecurity to the ſaid Treaſurers, and to ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers reſpectively to pay the damages ſo aſſeſſed within three moneths; the which ſum or ſums of money paid in to the ſaid Treaſurers, are to be iſſued out and diſpoſed of by the ſaid Treaſurers for ſuch uſes as are appointed by former Ordinances of Parliament, for the ſale of the Lands of the late Archbiſhops and Biſhops, and according to ſuch Warrant or Warrants as they ſhall from time to time receive from the ſaid Truſtees, any five or more of them; and that receipt of ſuch per-

They are to be ſummoned before this Committee, who upon refuſal to appear, are to ſend for them in ſafe cuſtody.

And to ſend for papers, witneſſes, &c.

This Committee or any five of them to examine witneſſes upon oath.

And to aſſeſs damages upon the perſons offending.

Damages to be aſſeſſed to the State to be paid to the Treaſurers.

But damages to the Purchaſer to himſelf within fourteen days,

Or to give ſecurity to pay it within three moneths.

The Treaſurers are to diſpoſe of the ſaid damages for the uſes appointed by the former Ordinances by warrant of the Truſtees.

perſon or perſons to whoſe uſe the ſaid moneys is appointed, together with the Warrant of the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge unto the ſaid Treaſurers for the moneys ſo paid; and if the ſaid perſon or perſons ſo offending, ſhall notwithſtanding refuſe to yield obedience unto the ſaid Ordinances of Parliament, or ſuch orders and directions as the ſaid Committee (as aforeſaid) ſhall make and ſet down concerning the premiſes, or any part of them, that then the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to commit ſuch perſon or perſons to ſafe cuſtody, till he or they yield obedience thereunto: And it is further ordained, that if any perſon or ſons have ſince the firſt day of *Decem.* One thouſand ſix hundred forty and one, poſſeſſed him or themſelves, or hereafter ſhall poſſeſs him or themſelves of any the Caſtles, Houſes or Buildings, or other the premiſes of the ſaid late Archbiſhops and Biſhops, he or they having no Leaſe or Grant thereof, from ſuch Archbiſhops or Biſhops, made before the firſt day of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty and one, and ſhall contrary to the order and determination of the ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, refuſe to yield up, or by force keep the poſſeſſion of any the ſaid premiſes againſt the ſaid Truſtees, or the Purchaſer or the Purchaſers of the ſame; That then the ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to iſſue out a Warrant or Warrants unto the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the reſpective place or County where ſuch detainer is uſed, requiring him or them forthwith to repair to the place, and to clear the poſſeſſion; and ſuch Sheriff or Sheriffs are hereby authorized and required to do the ſame, and to raiſe the *poſſe Comitat'*, if he or they ſhall finde reſiſtance, and by force of Arms to ſuppreſs the ſame, and alſo to break open doors and gate

If any perſon offending, refuſe obedience to the ſaid Ordinances, or the Orders of this Committee, they are to be committed to ſafe cuſtody.

If any perſon having poſſeſſion of any Biſhops houſes, &c. having no leaſe thereof made before the firſt of *Decemb.* 1641. do contrary to the order of this Committee refuſe to deliver poſſeſſion.

Then this Committee are to iſſue out Warrant to the Sheriff of the County to clear the poſſeſſion. And to raiſe the *poſſe Comitat'* if reſiſted. And to break open doors, &c.

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for the clearing of the poſſeſſion of the ſaid premiſes, and the ſame ſo cleared, to deliver up unto the ſaid Truſtees, or ſuch perſon as they or any five or more of them ſhall authorize to receive the ſame, or to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or ſuch perſon or perſons as he or they ſhall authorize to receive the ſame; And the ſaid Sheriff or Sheriffs are further authorized to commit to the next common Priſon for one moneth, ſuch perſon or perſons as he or they ſhall finde to reſiſt him or them in the execution of ſuch Warrant or Warrants as he or they ſhall receive from the ſaid Committee as aforeſaid; and ſuch Warrant or Warrants as he or they ſhall receive as aforeſaid, ſhall be a good and ſufficient diſcharge unto him or them for ſo doing. And it is further Ordained, That where any Certificate or Survey hath been or ſhall be made and returned to the Truſtees or Regiſter, that any Tenant hath neglected or refuſed to ſhew his evidences by which he holds his eſtate, nor made his claim nor eſtate appear by ſufficient witneſſes within the time limited by the Ordinance of Parliament, and according to the directions of the ſaid Ordinance, by reaſon of which his eſtate is forfeited, and the premiſes ſold as in poſſeſſion, the ſaid Committee are hereby authorized upon the appeal of ſuch perſon or perſons unto them or any five or more of them, to hear and determine ſuch caſe or caſes, and to ſend for papers, writings and witneſſes touching the ſame, and the witneſſes if they ſee cauſe to examine upon Oath, which they are hereby authorized to adminiſter: And if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Committee, that ſuch default was not through any wilful neglect or contempt of the power & authority of the Parliament, but upon other good and ſufficient cauſes ſhown to, and to be allowed by the ſaid Committee, they ſhall

And to deliver poſſeſſion to the Truſtees or the Purchaſer.

And the Sheriff may commit ſuch as reſiſt him.

Where any Tenant hath neglected to ſhew his evidences, and make his claim according to the Ordinance, and thereby forfeited his Eſtate.

This Committee are to determine the caſe.

And to examine witneſſes upon Oath.

If ſuch default were not through contempt, this Committee may diſcharge the eſtate of ſuch perſon from the forfeiture.

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Which they are to certifie to the contractors who are to make a reprize for it out of the purchase money unpaid. And to certifie to the Treasurers who are to allow the same

and may and are hereby authorized thereupon to discharge the estate of such person of and from the said forfeiture, which they shall certifie to the said Contractors or any five or more of them, who are hereby authorized and required out of the purchase moneys unpaid, to reprize so much as the purchase of such part of the premises was estimated at in sale thereof, which they shall certifie unto the Treasurers who are hereby authorized and required to allow the same unto such Purchaser or Purchasers out of his or their moneys which shall be unpaid at the time of the receipt of such certificate, which shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Treasurers;

Provided that such Tenant make his appeal before payment of the second moyety Such order or discharge of this Committee to be effectual, although the same were forfeited and sold as in possession.

Provided that such Tenant or Tenants make his or their appeal to the said Committee before the payment of the second Moyety for such purchase: And it is further Ordained, That such order or discharge made as aforesaid, shall be good and effectual to such Tenant or Tenants to have, hold and enjoy the particular Estate and Interest he claimed and made appear as aforesaid, he ought to have and enjoy the said premises, notwithstanding the same were forfeited and sold as in possession:

If any one intending to purchase any lands where there hath been any such neglect or refusal of the Tenants certified in the survey or forfeiture incurred, do procure a certificate of their names from Contractors, Then this Committee are to send for such Tenants and their leases, &c.

And it is further Ordained, That if any such person or persons who intend to be the Purchaser or Purchasers of any of the Hereditaments and Possessions of the late Archbishops and Bishops where there hath been or shall be any such neglect or refusal of the Tenants as aforesaid, certified upon the survey of the said premises or forfeiture incurred, do or shall procure from the Contractors a Certificate unto the said Committee of the names of such Tenant or Tenants who have refused or neglected, and forfeited, or shall neglect refuse or forfeit as aforesaid, That then the said Committee as aforesaid are hereby authorized to send for such Tenant or Tenants

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as likewiſe for their Leaſes or Copies, and other writings concerning their Eſtate in the premiſes; which if he or they ſhall refuſe to produce or make his or their Eſtate appear by proof upon Oath which the Committee is hereby authorized to adminiſter, That then the ſaid Committee may commit ſuch perſon & perſons to ſafe cuſtody, there to remain until he or they yield obedience to this and other Ordinances of Parliament, and ſuch Orders as the ſaid Committee ſhall make touching the premiſes; And the ſaid Contractors may notwithſtanding ſell ſuch premiſes as in poſſeſſion according to a former Ordinance of Parliament: And in caſe of obedience and conformity to the Ordinances of Parliament, and ſuch Orders as the ſaid Committee ſhall make touching the premiſes, the ſaid Committee are hereby authorized to diſcharge the Eſtate of ſuch perſon or perſons of and from the ſaid Forfeiture, and the ſame together with the particular intereſt is made appeare unto them to certifie as well to the Truſtees as Regiſter; And the Regiſter ſhall make his particular accordingly: And the ſaid Contractors are hereby authorized to contract for and ſell, and Truſtees to convey the ſame as if it had been expreſſed in the Survey: And it is further Ordained, that where in any Survey made or to be made of any of the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the ſaid late Archbiſhops and Biſhops, there ſhall be any words wanting, without which the ſaid Committee or any five or more of them, or the ſaid Contractors, or any ſix or more of them, ſhall conceive that the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof compriſed in any ſuch Survey, or any of the Courts, Franchiſes,

Which they refuſe to produce or make their Eſtates appear upon each, this Committee may commit them to ſafe cuſtody. And the Contractors may notwithſtanding ſell the premiſes as in poſſeſſion. And in caſe of obedience to the Ordinances of Parliament, & Orders of this Committee, they may diſcharge the Eſtate of ſuch perſon from Forfeiture. And the ſame with the particular intereſt to certifie to the Truſtees and Regiſter. And the Contractors and Truſtees are to ſell and convey accordingly. If any words be wanting in any Survey to paſs the lands, &c. contracted for, the Regiſter may inſert in the particular ſuch words as this Committee or any ſix Contractors ſhall think fit.

chiſes, Liberties, Royalties, Priviledges or Appurtenance to them or any of them belonging, cannot be conveyed to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof, ſo fully as ought to be: To the intent the Purchaſer may have in his or their conveyance, words ſufficient to paſs ſo much of the ſaid premiſes as he or they do or ſhall Contract for; the Regiſter in every particular by him made upon every ſuch Survey, ſhall inſert, and hereby is authorized to inſert ſuch words as the ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, or the ſaid Contractors, or any ſix or more of them ſhall think fit and direct therein to be inſerted, notwithſtanding the ſame be not expreſſed in the Survey, whereupon ſuch particular ſhall be made; And the ſaid Contractors ſhall and may proceed, and are hereby authorized and enjoyned to contract for, and paſs conveyances of the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, according to ſuch particular ſo amended: Provided, that there ſhall be no repriſe, by reaſon of the addition of any word or clauſe as aforeſaid, unleſs there be a value put upon the thing or things in the particular, upon which the Contract is made. And it is further ordained, That if any Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or others, ſhall make it appear unto the ſaid Committee, any five or more of them, by proof upon Oath, which the ſaid Committee as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to adminiſter, and likewiſe to ſend for Parties, Writings and Witneſſes touching the premiſes, That the premiſes contracted for, or conveyed, are ſubject and liable unto any eſtate, charge or incumbrance not mentioned in the Survey of the ſaid premiſes, or that the premiſes were not the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the ſaid late Archbiſhops or Biſhops; That then the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, are

And the Contractors are to proceed according to the particular ſo mended.

Provided, that no repriſe be made but where a value is put upon the thing, &c.

If any Purchaſer or other make it appear that the premiſes contracted for, or conveyed, are ſubject to any incumbrance not mentioned in the Survey, or that the premiſes were not the Biſhops Lands.

are hereby Authorized to hear and examine the same as aforesaid, and thereupon to determine the same, and to certifie unto the said Contractors their resolution and determination of and concerning the premises: And the said contractors are hereby authorized to allow unto such Purchaser or Purchasers, by way of reprise out of his or their moneys unpaid, so much as the said estate, charge or incumbrance proved as aforesaid, shall be valued at, and the same to certifie to the Trustees, who shall issue out Warrant or Warrants to the Treasurers, to defalk and allow the same unto such Purchaser or Purchaser: And where the said Contractors shall be certified as aforesaid, that the premises contracted for or conveyed, were not the premises of the said late Archbishops or Bishops, they shall and may, and are hereby authorized to discharge such Purchaser or Purchasers of his or their Contract: And in case wher any Purchaser hath perfected his Conveyance, if the said Committee as aforesaid, do or shall certifie the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, that the premises are not the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the said late Archbishops or Bishops That then the said Trustees as aforesaid, shall issue out teir Warrant to the Treasurers to repay such person or persons his or their moneys forthwith, out of such moneys as are in the Treasury, or out of the next monies which shall come into the Treasury; And the said Warrant, together with the Receipt of the party, shall be a good and sufficient discharge to the said Treasurers. And it is further Ordained, That if any doubt shall be made or arise upon any word or clause

Then this Committee are to hear and determine the same, and to certifie their resolutions to the Contractors, who are to make allowance of the same by way of reprise, out of the moneys unpaid, and certifie the same to the Trustees, who are to give Warrants to the Treasurers therefore.

And the Contractors are to discharge the Purchaser of this Contract made for Lands, which shall be so certified, not to belong to the Bishop.

And where the Purchaser in that case hath perfected this conveyance, the Trustees (upon such certificate of the purchase

this Committee) shall issue out Warrants to the Treasurers to repay moneyforthwith.

And if any doubt arise upon any word or clause of this or any other Ordinance touching the premises, the Trustees and other Officers are to proceed therein according to the determination of this Committee therein. Actors upon this Ordinance to be saved harmless.

in this present Ordinance, or any other Ordinance of Parliament, touching and concerning the premises, by the said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, and other Officers imployed about, or concerning the said premises: The said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers and other Officers imployed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and enjoyned to proceed therein according to the determination and direction of the said Committee, any five or more of them, any former Order or Ordinance of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding; And whatsoever the said Committee, Trustees, Treasurers, and other Officers, or any of them, shall do in pursuance of this present Ordinance, they shall be saved harmless and indempnified by authority of Parliament.

Joh: Brown, Cleric. Parliament.

Hen: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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Die Jovis, 23 Septembr. 1647.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For the better security and encouragement of all and every such person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporote, as already have, or hereafter shall become Purchaser from the Trustees of any Manors, Lands, &c. late belonging to any Archbishop or Bishop within the Realm of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*.

And the maner of ensuring the same to the Purchaser, with the time limited for the perfecting of their Conveyances.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the better security and encouragement of all and every such person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, as already have, or hereafter shall become Purchaser or Purchasers from the Trustees (appointed by Ordinance of Parliament for the sale of Bishops Lands) of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Franchises, Annuities, Fees, Liberties, Royalties and Hereditaments whatsoever, late belonging to any Archbishop or Bishop within the Realm of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*; Do Order and Ordain, and be it hereby Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall, and may be lawful for all and every such Purchaser or Purchasers, to have and pass one or more Letters Patents under the great Seal of *England*, of all or any part of the Manors, Lands, Tenements, Franchises, Annuities, Fees, Liberties, Royalties and Hereditaments, with their appurtenances so by him or them pur-

Purchasers may have the Kings Letters Patents.

To be holden as of *East Greenwich*.

purchaſed from the ſaid Truſtees as aforeſaid, to be holden of the King as of his Manor of *East Greenwich*, by fealty only, and not in Capite nor Knights ſervice: And be it further Ordained and Declared by the authority aforeſaid, that al and every bodies and body politique and corporate within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, ſhall have power and capacity, and are hereby enabled to receive, take and purchaſe to themſelves, and their Succeſſors for ever, any of the ſaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, Franchiſes, Annuities, Fees, Liberties, Royalties and Hereditaments whatſoever, belonging to the ſaid Archbiſhop and Biſhops, without any Licence or Licences of Alienation in Mortmain firſt ſued forth, or obtained for that purpoſe, Any Law, Statute, Ordinance, or Charter to the contrary hereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And be it further Ordered and Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, that the Attorny General, or Sollicitor General for the time being, upon ſhewing forth of any ſuch deed or purchaſe under the Hands and Seals of the ſaid Truſtees or any five or more of them, is hereby authorized and required to prepare a bill in uſual form containing the Kings Grant to ſuch Purchaſer and Purchaſers, their Heirs, and Succeſſors of the Lands and premiſes ſo purchaſed by him or them, according to the Tenor and effect of ſuch deed or purpoſe; which bill ſo prepared, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Commiſſioners for the great Seal of *England* for the time being, are hereby authorized and required to paſs under the ſaid great Seal in uſual form accordingly. And it is further Ordained, That no Fine or Fee be demanded or paid into the Hanaper for or in the Kings name, or to his uſe upon the paſſing of any ſuch Grant, or of any other Grant where

Bodies Politique may purchaſe any Biſhops Lands without licenſe in Mortmain.

A bill containing the Kings Grant to the Purchaſer, is to be paſſed under the great Seal of *England*.

No Fine or Fee to be paid into the Hanaper to the Kings uſe.

where Lands have been or ſhall be ſold by Ordinance of Parliament, to any perſon or perſons in ſatisfaction of the debts of the Kingdom, but all and every ſuch Fines, except as afore excepted, ſave onely a fourth part of what hath been formerly demanded and paid, are hereby pardoned and diſcharged. And it is further Ordained, That the Regiſter for the ſale of Biſhops Lands, for the time being, the Surveyors of the ſaid Lands, the Stewards of all or any of the ſaid Courts belonging to any of the ſaid Biſhops, and all other Officers, and perſons who have in their hands, or in the hands of others for them, any Counterparts of Leaſes, ancient Surveys, Copies of Court Rolls, Rentals, Terrars, or other Deeds, Records or Writings which concern only any of the Manors or premiſes ſo already purchaſed, or hereafter to be purchaſed as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized and required upon ſight of any ſuch deed of purchaſe from the ſaid Truſtees as aforeſaid, to deliver forthwith all the Counterparts of Leaſes, and all other the Records and Writings before mentioned, which concern only the Manors, Lands and Premiſes compriſed within any ſuch deed of purchaſe unto the reſpective Purchaſer and no other: Provided, that no perſon which maketh title to any of the ſaid Lands or Premiſes, (other then the Archbiſhops and Biſhops themſelves) be compelled by this Ordinance to deliver out of his hands any ſuch Leaſe or Writing as aforeſaid, concerning thoſe Lands which he maketh his claim.

A fourth part of the fine only to be paid.

Counterparts of Leaſes and Writings which concern only the things purchaſed to be delivered to the Purchaſer.

No perſon which maketh title, &c. ſhall be compelled to deliver his writings.

And it is further Ordained and Declared by the authority aforeſaid, That all and every perſon and perſons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, who have already contracted for, or hereafter ſhall contract for any of the ſaid Manors, Lands and Premiſes with the Contractors

Thoſe who have contracted or ſhal contract, ſhall procure their conveyances within eight weeks.

ctors appointed for the sale of Bishops Lands, shall prosecute and procure their respective Conveyances from the Trustees appointed to pass such Conveyances within eight weeks after the passing of this Ordinance; that is to say, all such persons as have already contracted shall prosecute and procure their respective conveyances from the Trustees within eight weeks next after the date of this Ordinance; and such persons as shall hereafter contract within eight weeks next after the date of their respective Contracts; unless they shew such good cause for such their delay as the said Contractors shall under their hands approve of and allow; And in default hereof, all and every such person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, so contractiug and making default as aforesaid, shall forfeit a third part of the value of the moneys agreed to be paid upon their respective Contracts, to be defalked out of the moneys any ways due to them from the Commonwealth, or to be levied upon their Lands and Goods in such maner as both Houses of Parliament shall hereafter ordain and appoint.

Unless they shew cause to the contrary to be allowed by the Contractors.

Upon default thereof to forfeit one third part of the value of their purchase mony to be defalked, &c. or levyed as the Parliament shall appoint.

And it is lastly Ordained, That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published, and sent down to the Sheriffs of all the Counties of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, by the care of the said Trustees; which said respective Sheriffs are hereby required to publish the same in all their next respective County Courts, after the Receipt hereof as aforesaid.

Printing and publishing of this Ordinance

Joh: Brown, Cler. Parliament'.
Hen: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

AN ACT
FOR

The preſent Examining and Stating the Accompts of the Officers and Soldiers now in the Parliaments ſervice within this

NATION.

THe Commons of *England* aſſembled in Parliament, taking into conſideration the Arrears of pay to Officers and Soldiers now in their ſervice in this Nation, within the eſtabliſhment for *England* or *Ireland*, due for their ſervice in any Army, or Garriſon, or under any General or Commander in the ſervice of the Parliament within this Nation (other then in the late new Model under the now Lord *Fairfax*) and being reſolved to have their Accompts for ſuch ſervices forthwith examined and ſtated, and Debenters, with viſible ſecurity given for ſuch Arrears (as well as for thoſe under the ſaid new Model, which are already provided for;) and conſidering, That the ſaid Officers and Soldiers, being many of them engaged for the ſervice of *Ireland*, and the reſt attending daily ſervice within this Nation, cannot without prejudice to the Publique, leave their Charges or Colours, to proſecute and perfect ſeverally the ſtating of their accompts before the Committees or Commiſſioners authorized for ſtating the Accompts of the Soldiery; and alſo conſidering the delay that would be to the diſpatch thereof in any other way then as hereafter followeth, Do therefore Enact and Ordain, and be it Enacted and Ordained by this preſent Parliament, and by the Authority thereof, That

the Accompts of the ſaid Officers and Soldiers, for any ſuch Arrears as aforeſaid (not ſtated and certified heretofore by Order or Direction of Parliament) ſhall be forthwith taken, examined, ſtated and certified by the ſeveral perſons, and in the maner and form hereafter expreſſed; that is to ſay, For the Forces formed in Regiments, the Field-Officers of the reſpective Regiments, or any one of them, with the reſpective Captains, or chief Officers preſent of their ſeveral Troops or Companies, ſhall take, examine, and ſtate the ſaid Accompts, and certifie the ſaid Arrears of the inferior Officers and Soldiers of the ſeveral Troops or Companies under them reſpectively; and for the Captains, or preſent chief Officers of the ſeveral Troops and Companies, and the Staff-Officers of ſuch of the ſaid Regiments as are deſigned, and do engage to go for *Ireland*, the reſpective Field-Officers, or any two of them, ſhall take, examine, and ſtate their Accompts, and certifie their ſaid Arrears; and the Colonels ſhall do the like for the Field-Officers under them of their reſpective Regiments: And for ſuch Officers, and others of the Train of Artillery as go for *Ireland*, the Lieutenant General, and Comptroller of the Train, ſhall examine and ſtate their ſaid Accompts, and certifie their ſaid Arrears; and for ſuch of the General Officers and Staff-Officers of the Army as go for *Ireland*, the Lord General, or ſuch other perſons as he ſhall appoint and intruſt for that purpoſe, ſhall examine and ſtate their ſaid Accompts, and the Lord General ſhall certifie their ſaid Arrears; But for ſuch of the ſaid Forces as go not for *Ireland*, the ſaid accompts of all the Captains, or preſent chief Officers of the ſeveral Troops and Companies, and of the Field and Staff-Officers of the ſeveral Regiments, as alſo of the Train-Officers, and the General Officers, and Staff-Officers of the Army,

Army, and alſo the accompts of the Colonels of thoſe Regiments that go for *Ireland*, ſhall be taken, examined and ſtated, and Debenters ſhall be given them for their ſaid Arrears by the Committee for the Army, or by ſuch other perſons as are or ſhall be by them, or otherwiſe by authority of Parliament appointed thereunto. And for the more certain and effectual performance of this work, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every perſon claiming any ſuch Arrears as aforeſaid, and deſiring to have his accompts ſtated, and certified for the ſame, ſhall produce for every ſuch Arrear ſo claimed reſpectively, a certificate under the hand and ſeal of his Captain or Lieutenant, or ſome other Commiſſion-Officer ſuperior to himſelf, or (in caſe of Service in particular Counties) then under the hands of two or more of that Committee, under whom he pretends ſuch Arrear became due reſpectively; expreſſing in what Troop or Company, and of what Regiment, or in what Gariſon or Counties, and for what ſpace of time, and in what year or years of our Lord ſuch his Service was, and to the beſt of their knowledge what pay he received for the ſame, or what remained due to him in arrear at his diſcharge; and alſo ſhall make Oath, that he hath not uſed, nor is privy to any fraud, deceit, or indirect dealing, in or for the framing or procuring of ſuch certificate, and that to the beſt of his knowledge ſuch Certificate is true and juſt, and that he hath not otherwiſe had his Accompts ſtated; or any Debenter given before for the ſame Arrear ſo claimed, other then what he ſhall then produce, acknowledge and deliver in to the ſaid Officers; and he ſhall alſo upon the ſame Oath, diſcover whether he or any other for him to his knowledge, hath at any time received any moneys, or any thing elſe ſince his diſcharge from that ſervice, toward ſa-

tisfaction of the Arrears claimed thereupon, and how much hath been ſo received; and in the ſame Oath he ſhall alſo diſcover whether he hath at any time received any other money or goods, for or under pretence of the publique Service, for which to his beſt knowledge or remembrance he ought to be, and yet remaineth accomptable to the State, and for ſuch money or goods (if he hath not already accompted) he ſhall then diſcharge himſelf by a true accompt; to the truth of which accompt, he ſhall make Oath in ſuch form as hereafter followeth; *viz.*

I A. B. *do ſwear, That the Accompt by me given in at this time, is true and juſt, to the beſt of my knowledge and remembrance, and that therein I have not wittingly concealed any money or goods, which to my beſt remembrance I have received or taken for the uſe of the Parliament or Commonwealth, for which I am juſtly accomptable to the State; neither have I to my beſt remembrance wilfully imbezelled, or to my private uſe or benefit, converted any ſuch money or goods received by me for the uſe of the publique, and for which I ſtand accomptable as aforeſaid, other then ſuch, or to ſuch value as I have charged my ſelf with in my ſaid Accompt.* So help me God.

And ſuch Certificates, together with ſuch oathes of the parties producing the ſame, and claiming arrears thereupon as aforeſaid, ſhall be a ſufficient ground for the Officers and others authorized as aforeſaid, to proceed upon in the ſtating of all and every the ſaid accompts reſpectively, and in the certifying of the Arrears thereupon as is hereafter directed: And becauſe it may poſſibly fall out in ſome caſes, That ſuch Certificates as aforeſaid cannot be had or produced, by reaſon of the death of ſome, or refuſal

refuſal of other Officers from whom ſuch Certificates ſhould be had, or by their being diſabled to make ſuch Certificates, either through their defection from the Parliaments Cauſe, or their departure and abſence out of the Land, or elſe by reaſon of the loſs of Muſter-Rolls or Certificates through the many caſualties of War; in ſuch caſes the Field-Officers, and others intruſted with the ſtating of Accompts as aforeſaid reſpectively, after ſtrict enquiry into the truth of the matter, and taking the Oath of the party concerned, that his caſe is ſuch; and after examination of him, or any other upon Oath, to what other circumſtances they ſhall think fit to ſatisfie themſelves, that the caſe is ſuch, ſhall or may admit the Oath of the party, and (if he be engaged for *Ireland*) of one witneſs, or otherwiſe of two lawful witneſſes, taken either before the ſaid Officers themſelves, or before any Juſtice of Peace or Committee, and from him or them certified concerning the time of ſuch parties Service in any Gariſon or other Army then the ſaid new Model; and concerning the Arrear due to him for the ſame, as a ſufficient evidence to proceed upon, and ſtate his accompts, and certifie his Arrears for the ſame, the party himſelf making Oath alſo to ſuch other queſtions and things concerning the truth of his accompt, as is afore in other caſes directed; and for the better diſcovery of the truth in or concerning any ſuch accompts as aforeſaid, the ſaid Field-Officers, and others intruſted in this Service, are hereby authorized, to adminiſter an Oath or Oathes to all and every perſon and perſons, with whom they ſhall have to do, in relation to the ſtating of any the accompts in all ſuch caſes, and concerning ſuch matters or things where any Oath is required or directed as aforeſaid: and all Officers of War, Muſter-maſters, Secretaries, Auditors, Treaſurers, Accomptants,

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and other persons whatsoever, that now have, or formerly had relation to the affairs of the late Wars, are hereby required, upon request of any officer or soldier concerned,& addressing himself to them,or upon request under the hand of any the Field-Officers or others intrusted as aforesaid, shall testifie under their Hands and Seals according to their best knowledge, any thing within their cognizance that may further or conduce to the better ascertaining of the said accompts, or any of them. And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after the said accompts, or any of them so taken and examined as aforesaid, the respective Field-Officers, and others intrusted therewith, shall state the said accompts severally, making deductions for what the respective accompts shall appear to be chargeable with, towards satisfaction of the several Arrears so claimed; and also defalkation for Free-quarter,according to the Instructions prescribed by Ordinance of Parliament, bearing date the 24 of *December*, 1647. and shall thereupon make computation of what remaineth in arrear to any such Officer or Soldier, for any such service as aforesaid, severally; and upon and according to the accompts so stated, shall make a list or lists of the names of the several Officers and Soldiers, whose accompts they have so stated; *viz.* One list of such as were in actual service in the same Troop or Company, at the time of disbanding Supernumeraries in the year 1647. another of such as were in Service at the same time, in any other Troop or Company (if there be any such)expressing in what Troop, or Company and Regiment any of them then were; and another list of such as were not in actual service at that time, but now are (if any such be) and in each list expressing upon every mans name, for the arrear of every or any such service, claimed as aforesaid severally,

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what Army or Gariſon, and in whoſe Troop or Company, and of what Regiment (if it were in Regiment) and in what capacity, and for what ſpace of time, and in what year or years of our Lord ſuch ſervice was in, the ſum of pay due for the ſame, what pay he received in that ſervice before his diſcharge, what other deductions are to be made for Free-quarter, or otherwiſe, and what clear arrear remaineth due thereupon reſpectively; and the liſt or liſts ſo made, ſhall certifie under their hands and ſeals, and the ſame ſealed up together; as alſo the ſeveral Certificates, Accompts, Oathes, Examinations, and other Evidences whereupon the ſame were grounded (being filed together in order, and ſealed up) ſhall return and ſend by the hands of ſome Commiſſion-Officer or Officers under their reſpective commands, unto the Committee for the Army, or elſe to ſuch other Committee, Commiſſioners or Truſtees, as before return of the ſaid liſts and accompts ſhall by authority of Parliament be appointed and intruſted to receive the ſame; who according to the Computations in the ſaid liſts (looking into them, that they be not miſtaken, and that the defalkations for Free-quarter be duly made, according to the ſaid Inſtructions) ſhall give Debenters for the ſaid clear Arrears to every ſuch Officer and Soldier reſpectively (in ſuch form as the Committee for the Army have uſed for others, or as by the authority aforeſaid, ſhall before the ſaid returns be further appointed) which ſhall be good in Law, as Obligations of the Commonwealth, and be ſatisfied out of the ſecurities aſſigned, or to be further ſetled for the ſame by the Parliament. Provided always, that no Officer or Soldier who hath been caſhiered by ſentence of a Court of War, and was by ſuch ſentence to loſe his Arrears, ſhall have any benefit by this Act, or of any ſecurity given for ſuch

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Arrears. Provided alſo, That none who have deſerted their Colours in that Service for which they claim any ſuch Arrear, without licenſe and due diſcharge from ſome Commiſſion-Officer under whom they ſerved reſpectively, ſhall have any benefit of this Act, or of any ſecurity as to the Arrears claimed in that particular Service. And it is alſo Provided and Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Officer or Soldier whatſoever, who have revolted from the Parliament, and turned to the Enemy, or after any disbanding or diſcharge from the Parliaments Service, went to ſerve the Enemy againſt the Parliament, ſhall have any benefit of this Act, or of any ſecurity at all for any their Arrears, but ſhall wholly loſe the ſame. Provided alſo, That no Certificate from any Officer that hath been caſhiered for falſe Muſters, Plundering the Countrey, or any cozenage to the State, or that hath revolted from the Parliament, and engaged in the Enemies Service after he had ſerved the Parliament, ſhall be accepted as ſufficient evidence for any Arrear claimed thereupon, unleſs the Certificate were made before ſuch caſhiering or revolt. Provided alſo, and it is further Enacted, That if any Officer or Soldier ſhall make, procure, or wittingly produce a falſe Certificate or Oath concerning his Service or Arrears in the ſtating thereof as aforeſaid, to the prejudice of the Commonwealth, upon diſcovery and due conviction thereof, every ſuch offender ſhall not onely forfeit all his Arrears (if any remain due to him at the time of the diſcovery) but ſhall alſo be lyable to impriſonment and ſequeſtration of his Eſtate, to the uſe of the Commonwealth. Provided alſo, That the Accompts for the Officers and Soldiers of ſuch Forces as are now in Gariſon, and were not part of the marching Army in the ſaid new Model; and alſo the accompts of

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ſuch other Forces not in Gariſon, as were raiſed and imployed by any Committee, for the ſervice of particular Counties, and not taken into the general Eſtabliſhment before the fifteenth of *January* 1647. ſhall (for their ſervice before their taking into the general Eſtabliſhment) be audited, ſtated and certified as aforeſaid, by the Committees of the ſeveral counties wherein ſuch Gariſons lie, or for the ſervice whereof ſuch Forces were firſt raiſed reſpectively, as by the Parliament hath been formerly appointed, and not by their Officers, as in this Act is provided, except ſuch of the ſaid Forces as are now appointed and do engage for *Ireland*, whoſe Accompts ſhall be ſtated and certified by their reſpective Officers as before in this Act is directed. Provided alſo, That no Accompts of any the Forces aforeſaid within the Eſtabliſhment made in the year 1647. for any Arrears growing due ſince the 15th of *January*, 1647. or ſince their taking into the ſaid Eſtabliſhment, ſhall be otherwiſe ſtated or certified then by the Committee for the Army, or ſuch as they ſhall intruſt and imploy, who are likewiſe to ſtate all Accompts, and certifie all Arrears for Service within the ſaid new Model before the ſaid Fifteenth of *January*, One thouſand ſix hundred forty ſeven.

Hen: Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.

Die Veneris, 22 Iunii, 1649.

ORdered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That the Committee of Accompts sitting at *Worcester* house, be appointed the Committee mentioned in the Act (Entituled, *An Act for the present Examining and Stating of the Accompts of the Officers and Soldiers now in the Parliaments service within this Nation*) for receiving the several Certificates, Accompts, Oathes, Examinations and other Evidences whereupon the Accompts are grounded, which shall be returned and sent by the hands of some Commission-Officer, or Officer under their respective commands, and to proceed further thereupon according to the said Act.

Hen: Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.

FINIS.

The Surveyors additional Authority, according to an Ordinance of the 16 of *November*, 1646.

AND it is hereby further Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees, or the major part of them, the Survivors of them, or the major part of them, their Survivors, and the Heirs of the ſaid Survivors, ſhall and may from time to time nominate and appoint under their Hands and Seals reſpectively, ſo many perſons as they ſhall think fit, to be Surveyors for the putting of this Ordinance in execution touching the Surveying of the premiſes; who ſhall have power to go into all and every the Counties, Cities and Places within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, or into ſo many of them as ſhall be thought fit.

Surveyors to be nominated by the Truſtees.

And it is further Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Surveyors, or other perſons to be authorized as aforeſaid, or any three or more of them, ſhall have full power and authority to enter into, and ſurvey all or any of the premiſes, or any part thereof; and they, or any three or more of them, ſhall alſo have full power and authority, as well by the Oaths of good and lawful men, as by all other good and lawful ways and means, to inquire and finde out what County-Palatine, Honors, Manors, Lordſhips, Granges, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Leaſaws, Paſtures, Woods, Rents, Reverſions, Services, Parks, Annuities, and other Poſſeſſions, Priviledges, Liberties, Immunities and Hereditaments whatſoever, of what nature or quality ſoever they be, lying or being within every ſuch County or City as

The Surveyors authority.

Any 1, 2, 3, or more of them, ſaith the Inſtructions.

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In any City or County.

aforesaid, did at any time belong or appertain unto all, every, or any such Archbishops or Bishops, in right of Archbishopricks, Bishopricks, Dignities or Places respectively, or to any other person or persons in trust for them or any of them as aforesaid, in right of the said Archbishopricks or Bishopricks, and what, and how much of the same is in possession, and the true yearly value thereof, and what, and how much thereof is in Lease, and for what estate, and when, and how determinable; when such Leases or Estate was made, and whether antidated, and what Rents, Services, and other duties are reserved and payable during such Estate, or issuing out of the same; as also what Rents, Pensions, charges, or other sums of money are issuing, due or payable out of the premises, or any part thereof; and what Lands or premises are subject or chargeable to, and with any good, pious and charitable use or uses, and the certainty of the same; and to make one or more exact and particular survey or surveys, and Certificates of their proceedings; which Certificate and Surveys shall be recorded, and all Charters, Evidences, Court-Rolls, and other Writings belonging to all or any the Archbishops, Bishops, Archbishopricks or Bishopricks, or concerning any of the Counties-Palatine, Honors, Manors, Castles, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any other the premises before mentioned, shall be kept in such place in *London* or *Westminster*, as the said Trustees or the major part of them shall think fit and appoint. And that the said Surveyors, or any three or more of them, shall have power and authority, so often as they shall be thereunto appointed by the said Trustees or the major part of them, to keep Courts of Survey within any of the Counties-Palatine, Honors, Manors and premises; and to call before

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The Surveyors to keep Courts And to cause men to shew their writings and evidences.

fore them any of the Tenants or other perſons, whom they ſhall conceive to have any intereſt in any of the premiſes, to ſhew their Writings and Evidences, and diſcover what right, title or intereſt, they or any of them have or may claim, of, into, or out of the ſame or any part thereof; and alſo to examine by Oath or otherwiſe, any perſon or perſons (other then ſuch as have or claim to have intereſt or title therein) for or concerning the diſcovery of the Contents, Metes, Bonds, Extents, Titles, Rents, Improvements, Valuations and Juriſdictions of all or any of the premiſes: and for the diſcovering of any Records, Evidences, Writings or Memorandums concerning the ſame: And that as well the ſaid Truſtees or any three of them, as the ſaid ſeveral Surveyors ſo authorized, or any three or more of them as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to adminiſter an Oath concerning the premiſes, to any perſon or perſons (other then ſuch as have, or claim to have any intereſt or title concerning ſuch the premiſes as ſhall be in queſtion:) And alſo to commit to priſon any perſon or perſons (other then ſuch as have, or claim to have any intereſt or title as aforeſaid) that ſhall refuſe to take ſuch an Oath, or diſcover his knowledge concerning the eſtate, title or evidences of any the Lands hereby intended to be ſold and diſpoſed of, or refuſe to deliver ſuch Evidences and Writings concerning the ſame, which are in his cuſtody or power, and do not concern the maintenance or defence of his intereſt, or ſuch Rents and Profits as he had title unto. And all Juſtices of Peace, Sheriffs, Majors, Bayliffs, and other perſons, are hereby required to be aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Surveyors, or any of them, in the executing of this Ordinance: Provided, that it ſhall not extend to the impriſoning of any Peer of this Realm.

To examine by Oath.

The Truſtees or three of them, or the Surveyors to give an Oath.

To commit to priſon, &c.

All Juſtices of peace to aſſiſt the Surveyors.

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